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4-year-old mauled to death by stray dogs in Hyderabad

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A horrific incident in which a pack of dogs attacked a four-year-old boy and killed him came to light on Tuesday.

The boy, Pradeep, was attacked by four dogs on Sunday, when he was walking on the road, close to the automobile workshop where his father worked, in Amberpet, a suburb in Hyderabad.

Even as the boy tried to escape, the canines pounced on him, pinned him down and bit him in the stomach, face and other body parts, as gathered from CCTV recording. By the time his father, Gangadhar, a migrant labourer and resident of Yerukala Basthi in Bagh Amberpet, rescued him, it was too late. He breathed his last on the way to hospital.

While two days have passed, no case has been registered in any police station by the parents. The incident created outrage in the city with widespread criticism of the government. Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development K.T. Rama Rao said a permanent solution would be worked out soon to control the stray dog menace.

SC to hear Uddhav's plea against EC order today

Former Maharashtra CM accuses the poll body of being 'biased' after it allotted the Shiv Sena name, symbol to the Shinde faction. He says rival faction is taking over bank accounts, properties

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday listed for hearing on Wednesday former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's petition challenging the decision of the Election Commission (EC) to allot party name 'Shiv Sena' and symbol 'bow and arrow' to the Eknath Shinde faction.

In an oral mentioning before a Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Mr. Thackeray, sought a stay of the EC order of February 17. Mr. Sibal said the rival faction was taking over the "bank accounts and properties".

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi said the turn of events following the EC order was leading to a "piquant" situation.

> The order of the EC allows Mr. Shinde to take over the leadership of the party without duly contesting intra-party elections in accordance with the Party Constitution...
>
> UDDHAV THACKERAY'S petition

Mr. Shinde's counsel, senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul, appearing on caveat, said Mr. Thackeray had already raised these issues twice in the High Court.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said the case would be listed on Wednesday after the Constitution Bench hearing in the Shinde-Thackeray dispute concerning disqualification of the then "rebel" legislators who took over the government in Maharashtra with support from the BJP after Mr. Thackeray resigned as Chief Minister just ahead of a floor test.

"We will post for tomorrow evening at 3.30 p.m. after the Constitution Bench hearing. We need some time to read the petition," Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

In his appeal, Mr. Thackeray, also represented by advocate Amit Anand Tiwari, said the EC was "unfair", "biased". It had failed in its duties as a "neutral arbiter of disputes" under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order of 1968.

The EC order was based on proceedings under Paragraph 15 of the Order, which empowered it to identify the "recognised political party" from among rival factions or splinter groups. But Mr. Thackeray said the EC's decision amounted to an interference with the party's 2018 Constitution.

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Shinde to remain the 'chief leader'

MUMBAI
Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Tuesday chaired the Shiv Sena's first national executive meeting. After the meet, Industries Minister Uday Samant said Mr. Shinde continues to remain their *Mukhya Neta* (chief leader). » PAGE 11

India, Singapore link payment services

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's Unified Payments Interface and Singapore's PayNow were officially connected on Tuesday, allowing for a "real-time payment linkage". The launch was led by a phone call between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong.

"Today is a special day for India-Singapore friendship and for our efforts to deepen collaboration in FinTech and innovation. The participation of my friend PM Lee Sien Loong made this...even more special," Mr. Modi said.

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Hizbul 'commander' killed in Pakistan

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Hizbul Mujahideen 'top ranking commander', Bashir Ahmad Peer alias Imtiyaz Alam, whom the Centre designated as a terrorist five months ago, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Pakistan's capital Islamabad on Monday.

Pakistani media reports said assailants fired at Peer from a point-blank range when he was standing outside a shop in Rawalpindi area.

Peer was from south Kashmir, at present in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.

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Police to port 38,347 SIM cards from BSNL to Jio

BENGALURU
The State police have decided to port to Reliance Jio from BSNL for all their 38,000-odd official mobile phone SIM cards. This has drawn the ire of many, mainly the BSNL Employees' Union. » Page 3

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State government employees threaten indefinite strike from March 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Government Employees' Association has set a seven-day deadline for the State government to announce the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission report and revert to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), failing which it has decided to go on an indefinite strike from March 1.

The decision was taken at an "emergency State executive meeting" on Tuesday, called in light of the two demands finding no mention in the State Budget presented on February 17. "If the government fails to fulfil our demand within seven days, we have no option but to go on an indefinite strike," C.S. Shadakshari, president of the association, said. The government should get an interim report from the 7th Pay Commission and implement at least 40% of fitment facilities before the model code of conduct for the Assembly polls kicks in. Following the path of States such as Jharkhand, Punjab, and Rajasthan, the State should also revert to the OPS by March 1, the association demanded.

Roopa, Sindhuri transferred without posting after spat

The Hindu Bureau
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In a bid to prevent further embarrassment over the public spat between two senior bureaucrats, the State government on Tuesday shunted out Managing Director of Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation D. Roopa and Endowment Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri from their current responsibilities without a posting.

Munish Moudgil FILE PHOTO

Roopa's spouse too

In an unanticipated move, Ms. Roopa's spouse, Munish Moudgil, Commissioner of Survey Settlement and Land Records, was also transferred as Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

The action against the two officers had been anticipated since Sunday after the controversy blew out in public over their social media posts. Government sources said the action came "a little too late" as the government could have intervened on Sunday by asking both to refrain from making any public comments.

Since Ms. Roopa's first social media post on Sunday accusing Ms. Sindhuri of wrongdoing also made some personal remarks, the controversy became an embarrassment to the government, as the former continued her tirade on Monday too.

Both officers were summoned by Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma and asked to refrain from making any more public comments.

Complaints

Both complained to the Chief Secretary in writing and sought action on their complaints. The two have also accused each other of violating All-India Services Conduct Rules.

The spat and its fallout were discussed informally during the Cabinet meeting on Monday, as the government faced the accusation of mishandling the situation.

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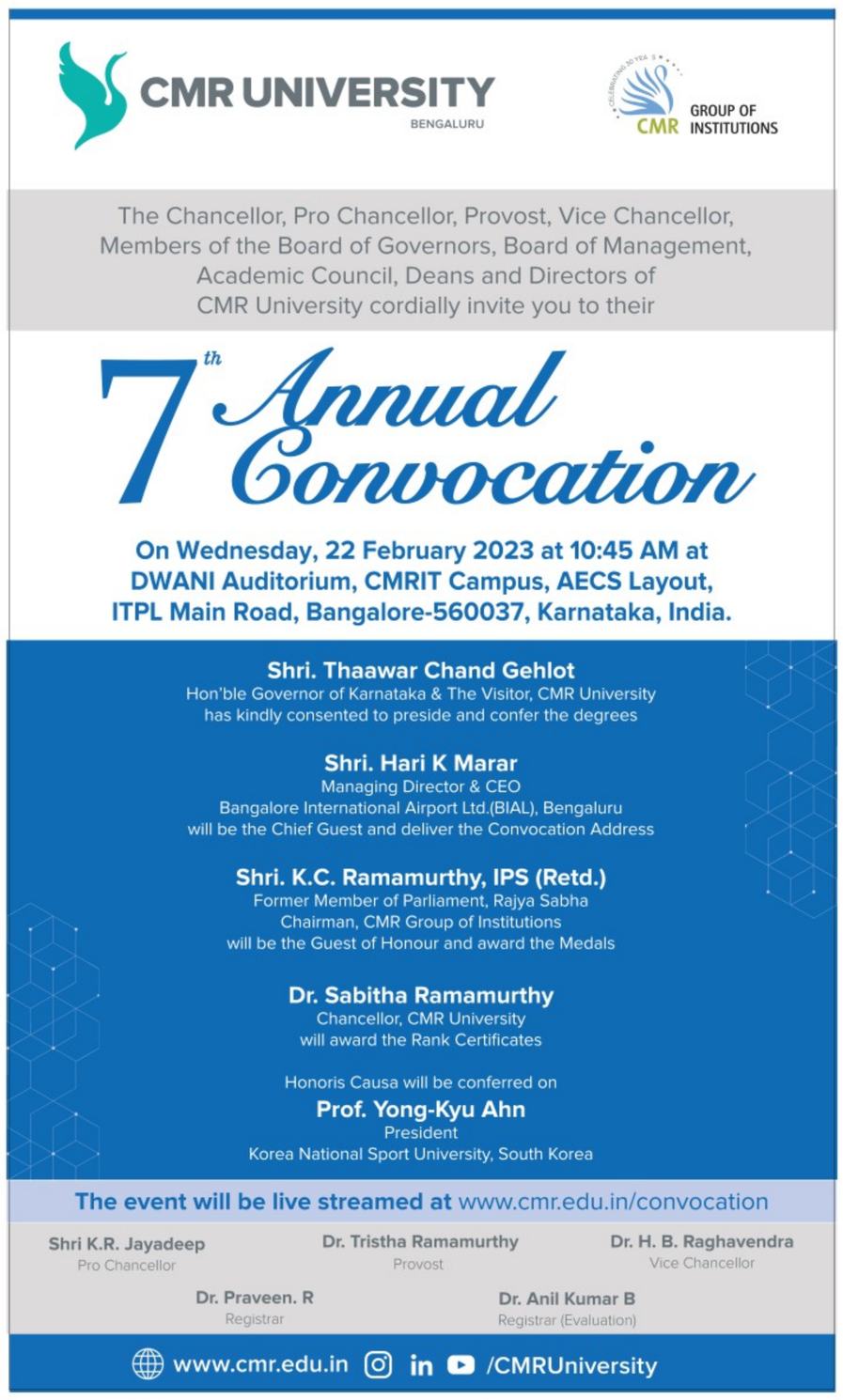
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Indians spending more on foreign travel now, RBI data reveals

1 In $ billion, the amount spent by Indians every month on foreign travel, significantly more than pre-COVID levels, the RBI data revealed. During the April-December period of 2022-23, the outward remittances under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for resident individuals towards 'travel' was $9.95 billion. The corresponding spending on travel during 2021-22 was $4.16 billion. PTI

Temperatures to rise above normal in many parts of India: IMD

5 In degrees, the predicted increase in maximum temperatures above normal over the next five days in northwest, central and west India, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) informed. Many parts of the country are already recording high temperatures. IMD also said that significantly higher than normal temperatures may have an adverse impact on wheat and other crops. PTI

Selling wheat from buffer stock to check rising price of wheat

20 In lakh tonne, the additional quantity of wheat to be sold in the open market by the government to further bring down the retail prices of wheat and wheat flour. Flour millers were asked to cut rates with softening in the wholesale price of grain. On January 25, the Centre had announced the sale of 30 lakh tonnes of wheat to check the rise in prices of wheat. PTI

A dire need to protect domestic met coke against cheap imports

30 In percentage, the anti-dumping duty the Indian Metallurgical Coke Manufacturers Association (IMCOM) has sought on met coke to protect the local industry from cheap imports. IMCOM stated that there is a dire need to protect the domestic industry as India is turning out to be a dumping ground for imported met coke. PTI

Price for carbon permits hits a record in the Europe Union

100 In euros per tonne, the price of permits in the European Union's carbon market for the first time, a milestone that reflects the increased costs that factories and power plants must pay when they pollute. The price hike follows an increase in power sector demand for CO2 permits in 2022. Reuters

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Vostro accounts and how they facilitate trade

What are Special Rupee Vostro Accounts? What are the three important components of the framework? What has the Economic Survey said about this arrangement? Can this arrangement speed up rupee's status as an international currency?

EXPLAINER

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:
Last week, government officials informed that 20 Russian banks, including Rosbank, Tinkoff Bank, Centro Credit Bank and Credit Bank of Moscow have opened Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA) with partner banks in India. All major domestic banks have listed their nodal officers to sort out issues faced by exporters under the arrangement.

What is the SRVA arrangement?
A vostro account is an account that domestic banks hold for foreign banks in the former's domestic currency, in this case, the rupee. Domestic banks use it to provide international banking services to their clients who have global banking needs. It is an integral offshoot of correspondent banking that entails a bank (or an intermediary) to facilitate wire transfer, conduct business transactions, accept deposits and gather documents on behalf of the other bank. It helps domestic banks gain wider access to foreign financial markets and serve international clients without having to be physically present abroad.

The SRVA is an additional arrangement to the existing system that uses freely convertible currencies and works as a complimentary system. For perspective, freely convertible currencies refer to currencies permitted by rules and regulations of the concerned country to be converted to major reserve currencies (like U.S. dollar or pound sterling) and for which a fairly active market exists for dealings against major currencies. The existing systems thus require maintaining balances and position in such currencies.

How does it function?
The framework entails three important components, namely, invoicing, exchange rate and settlement. Invoicing entails that all exports and imports must be denominated and invoiced in INR. The exchange rate between the currencies of the trading partner countries would be market-determined. To conclude, the final settlement also takes place in Indian National Rupee (INR). The authorised domestic dealer banks (those authorised to deal in foreign currencies) are required to open SRVA accounts for correspondent banks of the partner trading country. Domestic importers are required to make payment (in INR) into the SRVA account of the correspondent bank against the invoices for supply of goods or services from the overseas seller/supplier. Similarly, domestic exporters are to be paid the export proceeds (in INR) from the balances in the designated account of the correspondent bank of the partner country.

As for availing an advance against exports, it would be the responsibility of the domestic bank to accord foremost priority to ensuring that the available funds are used to meet existing payment obligations, that is, from the already executed export orders or export payments in the pipeline. All reporting of cross-border transactions are to be done in accordance with the extant guidelines under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.

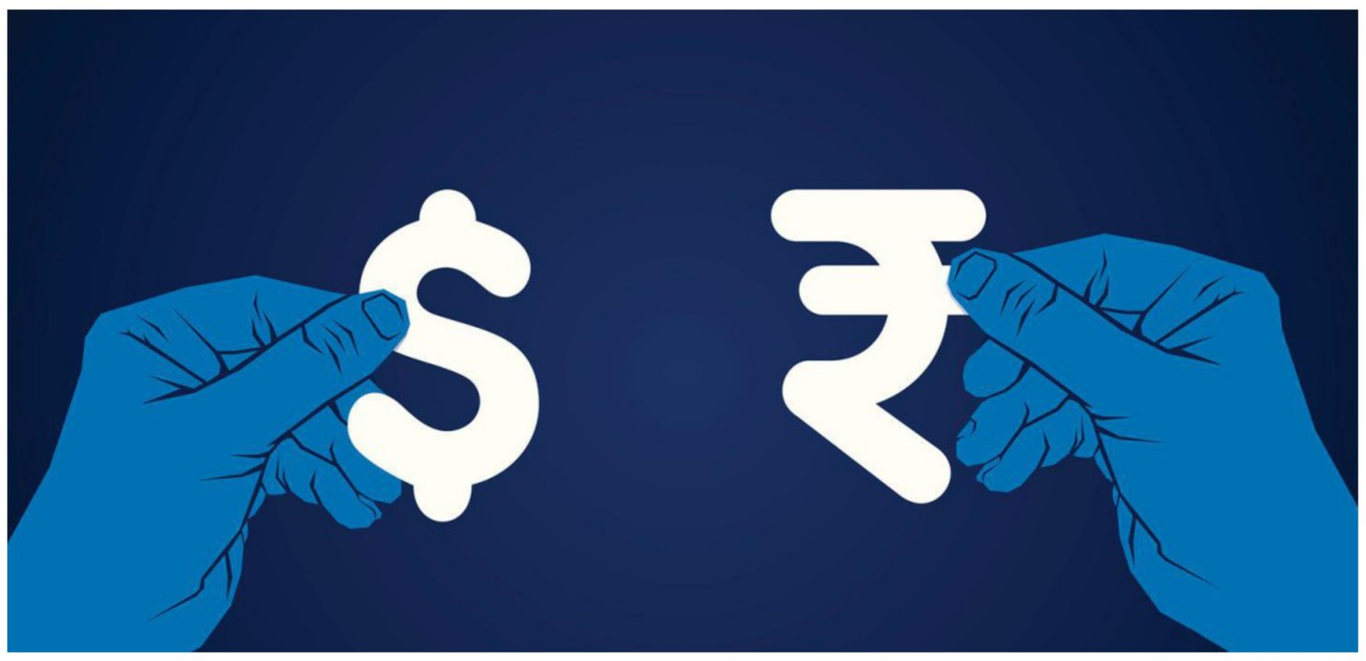
What is the eligibility criteria of banks?
Banks from partner countries are required to approach an authorised domestic dealer bank for opening the SRVA. The domestic bank would then seek approval from the apex banking regulator providing details of the arrangement.

It would be the responsibility of the domestic banks to ensure that the correspondent bank is not from a country mentioned in the updated Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Public Statement on High Risk & Non-Co-operative jurisdictions. Domestic banks must also put forth for perusal, financial parameters pertaining to the corresponding bank.

Authorised banks can open multiple SRV accounts for different banks from the same country. Further, balances in the account can be repatriated in freely convertible currency and/or currency of the beneficiary partner country depending on the underlying transaction, that is, for which the account was credited.

What is its purpose?
The Economic Survey (2022-23) had argued that the framework could largely reduce the "net demand for foreign exchange, the U.S. dollar in particular, for the settlement of current account related trade flows". It added that the framework would also reduce the need for holding foreign exchange reserves and dependence on foreign currencies, making the country less vulnerable to external shocks. Indian exporters could get advance payments in INR from overseas clients and in the long-term promote INR as an international currency once the rupee settlement mechanism gains traction, the survey argued.

As per the Bureau for International (BIS) Settlements' Triennial Central Bank Survey 2022, the U.S. dollar was the most dominant vehicle currency accounting for 88% of all trades. The INR accounted for 1.6%.



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Will India witness an El Niño forecast this year?

How does an El Niño and a La Niña affect global climate patterns, particularly cyclogenesis and monsoons?

Raghu Murtugudde

The story so far:
India is experiencing a colder than normal winter thanks to the north-south winter flow set up by the climate phenomenon known as La Niña. The La Niña itself is going on for a record-breaking third consecutive year. Now, forecasts for the 2023 fall and winter are predicting that there is a 50% possibility for its companion phenomenon, the El Niño to occur.

What are El Niño and La Niña?
El Niño refers to a band of warm water spreading from west to east in the equatorial Pacific Ocean. The years in which an El Niño occur are called 'El Niño years', and global weather patterns in that year tend to be anomalous in certain ways. Similarly, a La Niña occurs when the band of water spreads east-west and is cooler. Both phenomena can have drastic effects on economies that depend on rainfall.

The first thing to note is that El Niño forecasts before spring tend to be notoriously unreliable because the climate system is quite noisy in spring – the Sun transitions across the equator, from one hemisphere to the other, creating noise in predictions. However, in a La Niña year, the tropical Pacific Ocean soaks up heat and accumulates warm water. During the El Niño, this warm water spills from the western part of the Pacific Ocean to the eastern part. Earth has had three straight La Niña years, which means the Pacific's warm-water volume is fully loaded and likely to birth an El Niño soon. An El Niño year creates a miniature global-warming crisis, since the warm water spreading across the tropical Pacific releases a large amount of heat into the atmosphere.

What will happen to cyclone formation and monsoons?
A transition from a La Niña winter to an El Niño summer historically tends to produce a large monsoon deficit, on the order of 15%. This means pre-monsoon and monsoon circulations tend to be weaker in an El Niño year. The vertical shear (change in the intensity of winds from the surface to the upper atmosphere) tends to be weaker as well. This in turn can favour enhanced cyclone formation. But, of course, the global climate system is not so simple. Intraseasonal or subseasonal timescale variability in sea-surface temperature and winds is also very important for cyclogenesis over the northern Indian Ocean. These timescales denote the durations for which certain temperature and wind characteristics persist in the pre- and post-monsoon periods. That said, the net effect is for cyclogenesis to be subdued in an El Niño year.

As for monsoons – if an El Niño state does emerge by summer – we will likely have a deficit in 2023. Some research has indicated that the Indian Ocean dipole – a seesawing of sea-surface temperature over the tropical Indian Ocean – could compensate for the negative effects of an El Niño. But we don't yet know whether there is a robust relation between the dipole and the summer monsoon, nor whether the dipole will evolve the 'right' way this year.

Additonally, there are the monsoon's vagaries themselves. For example, pre-monsoon cyclones are susceptible to warming in the Arctic region, and could in turn affect the onset of the summer monsoon. For another, the Bay of Bengal has of late been receiving freshwater from heavy rains and anomalously high river-runoffs. These waters tend to sneak into the Arabian Sea, produce surface warming, and build up subsurface heat. These changes together may create favourable conditions for the formation of bigger and badder cyclones, especially if the circulation and the vertical shear are weak.

All things considered, India will have to wait for the El Niño forecast to be updated in the coming weeks.

Raghu Murtugudde is a visiting professor at IIT Bombay and an emeritus professor at the University of Maryland.

THE GIST

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'Despite wearing bodycams, traffic police taking bribe'

Citizens continue to complain about being asked for bribe while on the road; 4,500 traffic police personnel have been given bodycam, but there is no method to ensure that it stays on at all times

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A policeman using a body camera while on night duty in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Despite the slew of measures taken by Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) to curb corruption amongst its officers on the road, citizens continue to complain about being asked for bribes while on the road.

One such measure was the body-worn camera, which was provided to 4,500 traffic police personnel in the city to bring in more transparency and civility to policing. However, so far, a method to ensure that the camera stays on at all times has not been figured out.

"I was driving in Koramangala a couple of weeks ago in the evening when I was stopped by a BTP officer for entering a no-entry zone. The problem was that the board was not in clear sight and when I started arguing about the same with them, they told me not pay a fine, but pay a much lesser bribe to them and drive away," narrated Suraj R. (name changed), an accountant.

He further said, "When I told them that I did not have much cash on me, they settled for ₹100 and let me go. Since I was in a hurry to get somewhere, I chose the easy way out."

Similar experiences were shared by many other roads users in the last few weeks.

> If anyone faces any issue of corruption on road, they can complain to us and we can easily verify it as the body-worn cameras will help us determine who is in the wrong. Strict action will be taken if the officers are found to be not wearing bodycams.
>
> **M.A. SALEEM**
> Special Commissioner, Traffic

"It is like there are two options to settle matters when you commit a violation on road. I was stopped for riding without a helmet and was let go after I bribed an officer ₹300 ten days ago," said Harini K. (name changed), a student. In both the instances, the road users recalled seeing no cameras worn by the officials. The BTP, on the other hand, said that it is mandatory for all the officers to wear body-worn cameras at all times when they are on duty.

"The cameras have been given to all officers from constables up until the rank of Assistant Sub Inspectors (ASI). If anyone faces any issue of corruption on road, they can complain to us and we can easily verify the incident as the body-worn cameras will help us determine who is in the wrong. Strict action will be taken if the officers are found to be not wearing bodycams. Moreover, we have drastically reduced checking vehicles unless it is a visible violation," said M.A. Saleem, Special Commissioner, Traffic.

However, there is no mechanism unless a citizen raises a complaint to check whether the personnel on the ground are wearing bodycams, other sources in the Department said.

He further said that to make the process more transparent, a lot of scope is being provided to booking cases through ANPR and RLVD cameras. "In January, we booked 92% of cases only through cameras. We aim to ensure that the entire 100% of cases would be booked only through cameras in the upcoming days. If anyone is caught for visible violations, then the whole thing would be recorded on body-worn cameras."

National Horticulture Fair to begin today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Horticulture Fair 2023 (NHF2023), which will be held between February 22 and 25 in Hesaraghatta on the outskirts of the city under the theme of 'Innovative horticulture for self-reliance', will be inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar virtually on Wednesday at 12 p.m., said Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director of ICAR-IIHR and chairman of the organising committee NHF 2023.

The fair, being organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), will showcase latest technologies such as vegetable, flower and medicinal crop varieties for import substitution, pollination in protected cultivation, leaf curl virus resistant chilli varieties, carotenoid content rich marigold varieties, flower waste utilisation, terrace gardening solutions for urban horticulture, production technologies for exotic fruits such as dragon fruit and avocado and cost-effective traps for management of invasive pests, etc. for the benefit of horticulturists and other stakeholders during the NHF2023 at ICAR-IIHR.

The NHF-2023 will have 250 hi-tech stalls on various products and 50 nursery stalls, according to ICAR-IIHR officials.

Apart from this, officials said that special workshops and conferences on horticulture development on various aspects, including value added millet products, composting of bio-waste, urban horticulture, mushroom production and value addition, safe use of pesticides, preparation of incense sticks from floral waste and tribal horticulture, will be organised during the four-day fair.

Grapes mela

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The Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (Hopcoms) will organise grapes and watermelon mela at Lalbagh from Wednesday. Three to four varieties of watermelon and 13 to 15 varieties of grapes will be sold at the fair, according to a Hopcoms release.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (February 22, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

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I, MOHAMMED Nassir, S/o. Abdul Jabbar, R/at No.H2, Sai Aster Apt. Balaji Enclave, 11th Main Road, Anantapura, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064 have changed my minor daughter's name from Sehar to Saher Mohammed vide Affidavit dated 21.02.2023 sworn before Notary Bhagya Kumari N, Bengaluru

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I, R Divya D/o Ramesh Rajakumar R/o SA-113, NAL Qtrs. Opp Manipal Hospital, Kodihalli, Bangalore North Vimanapura, Bangalore-560017. I Submit that my name appeared as R Divya in Central Board of Secondary Education Delhi Marks Card in the year of 2011-2013. I submit that my name as Diviya Grace appeared instead of R Divya in Money Multiplier Bond 0898 - MMB - THREE-ICICI Limited, Dated 05-12-2022. Further I declared that R Divya and Diviya Grace both belongs to the same person Sworn before Affidavit A.R Muneer Ahmed, advocate & Notary, Bangalore dated 7.2.2023.

MY SON, N.Govindarajan alias Govindraj, Son of Thiru R. Narayanasamy born on 13th September 2002 (native district: Theni), residing at Chinthiyamman Kovil Street, Saruthupatti, Periyakulam, Alagapuri, Theni-625523, shall henceforth be known as N.Aarnav - N.Vimala (Mother), vide Tamil Nadu Govt. Gazette, dated 2nd March 2020, Theni.

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I, SAKSHI Shanthappa have lost my original Class 10th pass certificate of the year 2014 with Index number 1145095/209 ST.JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL BENGALURU (ICSE), If found contact: 8105127418

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Government of Karnataka
Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar
No.: S.D.H.S./O.S.P./1806/2022-23 Date: 20.02.2023
E-Tender for availing services of Non-Clinical and Group D personnel on Outsource Basis.
Tender is invited through e-procurement as per two tender document system from eligible firms for availing personnel through outsource for Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar and Mother and Children Hospital, Sagar. Interested Tenderers can upload the rates from 20.02.2023 and are requested to log on to Department website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Further information can be availed in e-portal.
Sd/- Chief Medical Officer, Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar
DIPR/smg/No.181/02/mca/22-23/1959

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.
No: EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/28/2022-23 Dated: 20-02-2023
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited through E-Procurement for the works approved Under Various Head of grants for the year 2022-23. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 27-02-2023 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit Website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/4851/ Adverto/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF FACTORIES, BOILERS, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, BANGALORE
2nd Floor, Kalyana-Suraksha Bhavana, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560029
Ph: 080-29753051, E-mail: directorfbish@gmail.com
TENDER NOTIFICATION
No: EST-1/MISC/CR-316/2022-23 Date: 20.02.2023
TheDepartment of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and health, Bangalore invites a tender from eligible t enderers for the supply of human resources as HOUSE KEEPING SERVICES to the Department of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health, Bangalore in the Karnataka as per the standard tender documents. The tenderers may submit Tenders for the supply of manpower mentioned below through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The tenderers are advised to go through the general conditions, minimum Qualification, experience ther criteria specifiead in the tender document and instructions to the tenders to qualify for the award of the contract given in the e-portal.

Sl No	Particulars of Supply	Total Personnel	Value of the Bid (in lakhs)	Service charges or profit as percentage of value of Bid	
				Percentage in No. (eg X%)	Percentage in Words
1	Supply of human resources as HOUSE KEEPING SERVICES	3	7 Lakhs per annum	-	-

Calendar of events:
1. Tender document availble for down load : 21.02.2023 11:30 Hrs
2. Any queries : 10.03.2023 17:30 Hrs
3. Last date & Time for receipt of Tenders : 20.03.2023 17:00 Hrs.
4. Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 21.03.2023 10:30 Hrs.
5. Date & Time for Opening Financial Bid : 23.03.2023 10:30 Hrs.

Download of tender documents: Tender documents may be downloaded from the website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/- Director of Factories Boilers, Industrial, Safety & Health, Bengaluru

Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri
(Government of Karnataka - Reg Autonous Institute)
Phone : 08272-220606 Website : www.kimskodagu.kar.nic.in
Ref: No. ME/2022-23/IND: Date: 16-02-2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal GOK, for the supply of Sports Items, applications can be downloaded from **17.02.2023,** last date for up load is **03.03.2023,** for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned. **E-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com**
Sd/- Director & Dean Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Mandya Division, Mandya, Phone: 08232-222363, email:eerwsmdy@gmail.com
No:EE/RDW&SD/MDY/JJM TENDER22-23/2022-23/2826 Dated:16.02.2023
1.Short term Re-Tender Notification NO-07/2022-23 (Two Cover System) - (e-procurement portal)
On behalf of Governor of karnataka, The E.E, R.D.W & S Division, Mandya invited tender for Providing FHTCs Works in Mandya Tq Mandya District from eligible bidders. Pre-Bid Meeting **Dt:23-02-2023 Time:11:00 AM(Place:O/O EE, RDWSD, Mandya),** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids:**27.02.2023 Time :05:30 PM,** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening:**28.02.2023 Time: 05:35 PM**. Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening:-**03.03.2023 Time:11:00 AM.** Amount Put to tender Maximum: **Rs.172.46 Lakhs**. More details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of karnataka www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from this office during working hours.Phone No: 08232-222363.
Sd/-Executive Engineer Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya
DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMC&A/704/2022-23

Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of The Executive Engineer, KNNL, No. 5, Bhadra Canal Division, Davanagere.
Ph.: 08192-264669 e-mail: eebcddvg@yahoo.co.in
Short-Term Tender Notice
Ref: No.: EE/KNNL/BCD-5/DVG/PB-2/4701 works/3242/10 2022-23 Dated: 16.02.2023
On behalf of The Managing Director, K.N.N.L., Bengaluru, Executive Engineer, KNNL, No. 5, Bhadra Canal Division, Davanagere invites Re tender through e-portal for below mentioned works in two cover system for Works under Head of Account 4701 Bhadra as per letter of reference. Eligible contractors should download percentage tender only through e-procurement website (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 17.02.2023 and submit within 4.00 PM on 27.02.2023. For clarification regarding the Tender on 22.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM. Date of opening technical bid/financial bid: 28.02.2023 at 5.00 PM. Total No. of works: 4.
1.KNNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 34475/Call-2- 70.00 lakhs
2.KNNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 34477/Call-2- 2.60 lakhs
3.KNNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 34478/Call-2- 60.00 lakhs
4.KNNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 34479/Call-2-60.00 lakhs
The undersigned Officer reserves the right to postpone, accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reasons. For further information contact e-procurement portal or the office of the undersigned during office hours.
ಪಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/942/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿ/2022–23 Sd/- Executive Engineer

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AE-2/2022-23/23197-200 Date: 13.02.2023
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
KPTCL invites bids against Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/PTK-245 Gowribidanur** for Providing **additional 1x20MVA,** 66/11kV Power Transformer along with 11kV switchgear and Capacitor bank at **220/66/11kV Gowribidanur Sub-station** in Gowribidanur Taluk & Chikkaballapura District including supply of all materials **(Excluding Power Transformer & 11kV Switchgear)**/equipment and erection (including Civil Works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning on **Partial Turney Basis.**
The bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging in to **e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **25.02.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/-Chief Engineer, Electricity, Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09, Ph: 080-22282601/602.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL MBC Division No.1 Gaddanakeri, Camp.Bagalkote Ph.No. 08354-297046, Email ID- eeknnlbgk@gmail.com
No. KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/1976 Date: 21.02.2023
CORRIGENDUM 3
Ref: 1) T.O Tender Notification No: KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/1837 Dated: 04.02.2023, 2) T.O Corrigendum No: KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/ 1919 Dated: 13.02.2023,3) T.O Corrigendum-2 No: KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/ 1969 Dated: 17.02.2023
Tender Dates for the Work 'Shirur LIS Stage 1- Indent no. 34080' are modified as follows:
1.Last date for Submission - 27.02.2023 till 16.00 hours, 2.Date of opening of Tender, a)Technical bid:28.02.2023, 16.30 hours, b)Financial bid: After approval of Cover-1.3.Other details, terms and conditions remain same
Sd/-Executive Engineer, KNNL MBC Dn .No.1 Gaddanakeri, Camp-Bagalkote
DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-918/KSMCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department Office of the Executive Engineer, Davanagere Division, Davanagere.
Notice No.: IFT-50/AE-2/2022-23/ Date: 20.02.2023
e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notice (2nd Call)
Ref: Tender Notice No. of this office: EE/DDD/ IFT-50/2022-23 Date: 20.02.2023
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, the undersigned invites Tenders in single cover and two cover system through e-procurement portal of GoK as per KTPP Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document Rules for works KW- 1 and 2 related to Jagaluru and Harihara Taluks in the limits of Public Works Department, Davanagere Division from eligible Tenderers registered in Karnataka Public Works Department.
1) Work of renovation and Repairs Maintenance to Old Bridge at km 125.50 on Birur-Sammasagi NH-76 (old PB Road) in Harihara Taluk. Rs. 59.00 lakhs. 2) 1) Work of annual Maintenance for the year 2022-23 of V.I.P. and V.V.I.P. Travellers Bungalow and Inspection Bungalow Buildings in Jagaluru Town. 2) Work of annual Maintenance for the year 2022-23 of J.M.F.C. Court Building in Jagaluru Town. 3) Work of annual Maintenance for the year 2022-23 of Public Works Sub Division Building. Rs. 10.20 lakhs. 3) Work of annual Maintenance of J.M.F.C. Court Complex in Amaravathi Colony in Harihara Taluk and annual Maintenance of Inspection Bungalow of Public Works Department in Harihara Town. Rs. 6.00 lakhs. 4) Work of annual Maintenance of Judges Quarters (1) & (2) in Cort Compound in Harihara Taluk and Quarters in Public works Department Compound in Harihara City. Rs. 3.00 lakhs. Last Date for receipt of Tenders for works: 28.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM. Date of opening the Tender: 01.03.2023 up to 4.30 PM. Further details can be obtained from the above office during office hours (Phone: 08192-234951, 231530) or website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Davanagere
ಪಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/932/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿ/2022–23

Government of Karnataka
(Public Works Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No.PWD/TS.3/Corrigendum/2022-23/ 9231 Dated: 20.02.2023
CORRIGENDUM
Sub: Corrigendum of tender called in e-procurement for the work Indent KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164810 Reg.
Ref: This office Tender Notification No: 8764, Dated: 04.02.2023
With reference to the above subject, corrigendum for the tender called in e-procurement vide reference for work of Contruction of 100 Students DR. B.R Ambedkar Hostel Building at Kalaburagi & Yadgir District. Under 4059-80-051-0-29-422 for the year 2022-23.Cluster No-20 KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164810 due technical problem. The calendar events are extended. The Calendar of events are read as follows.
Calender of Events: 1) Pre Bid Meeting : **21/02/2023 upto 11.00 Hrs.** 2) Last date & Time for Tender Queries/clarifications : **22/02/2023 upto 17.30 Hrs.** 3) Last date & time for receipt of tenders**: 24/02/2023 upto 16.00 Hrs.,** 4) Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid : **27/02/2023 at 16.30 Hrs**, 5) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid: **01/03/2023 at 11.00 Hrs.**
Tender condition in the original notification remains same and the information may be got from the website of e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **(https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in).**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1320/MC&A/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural water supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURGI-585105
No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/3453 Dated : 20-02-2023
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)
The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below
The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only
1) Name of work: Sedam Taluka -02 (Indent No 54747 & 54749 call-2) Jewargi Taluka 01 (Indent No 55878) Aland Taluka 01 (Indent No 55798) Afzalpur Taluka (Indent No 54785 call-2), 2) Head of A/C: JJM, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III & above, 4) Tender Amount : Min 50,00,000/-, Max 2,50,00,000/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **20-02-2023 11:00am,** 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **27-02-2023 4.00pm,** 8) Opening of Technical Bid: **28-02-2023 4.00pm,** 9) Opening of Financial Bid: **02-03-2023 4.01pm**, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water &Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi
Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1331/MC&A/2022-23

KEYWORD

A still from the 2013 film *The Great Gatsby*.

Understanding 'frame narrative' and how it functions as a literary device

'Frame narrative' is a form of storytelling that has never gone out of fashion. The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms describes frame narrative as 'a story in which another story is enclosed or embedded as a 'tale within the tale', or which contains several such tales'

Rajeev G.R.

If Vyasa, Chaucer, Joseph Conrad, Scott F. Fitzgerald and the perspicacious storytellers of the *Jatakas* and *One Thousand and One Nights* were to confabulate in afterlife on their oeuvre, they would surely illuminate the choice of frame narrative in structuring their masterpieces that have had a life of many centuries and counting. Across cultures and genres and from the ancient to the modern, frame narrative, or frame story, is a favourite form of storytelling that has never gone out of fashion. The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms describes frame narrative as "a story in which another story is enclosed or embedded as a 'tale within the tale', or which contains several such tales."

A story within a story

This type of framing is not done in literature alone. Fans of *The Usual Suspects*, an acclaimed noir mystery from 1995, would remember how conman Roger Kint, one of the two survivors of a blood letting and fire aboard a ship, goes back and forth during his interrogation narrating events and unravelling a world of crime. The taut, tantalising script by Christopher McQuarrie teases the audience with the story-in-story style, until it reveals who the mafia lord Keyser Soze is. This is just one instance of the use of frame narrative in film.

But why do authors let a character narrate a story rather than use their voice to do the heavy lifting? In the process of creation, some characters take a life of their own, growing out of the bailiwick set by the author. So, by employing another voice, is the author trying to bridle the recalcitrant characters, set the terms and bring the plot back to the original? Or is it that the primary narrative can help the author break down complex characters and ideas for the reader to grasp. The writer can even position his or her fictional alter ego as a devil's advocate who floats arguments just for the heck of it. The possibilities seem endless.

Frame narrative is thus a literary device to deliver the plot to the audience. In *Poetics*, Aristotle says the plot is the first principle and the soul of a tragedy, and they are either simple or complex, for the actions in real life, of which the plots are an imitation, obviously show a similar distinction. Even in these times, when plot has lost its imperative for fiction, the narrative rides on literary devices. For instance, a character in a story without a plot goes into a rambling, non-linear stream of consciousness, which is one device to tell a story.

Instances of frame narratives

Equally at ease in books and films, frame narratives have stood the test of time. In *The Great Gatsby*, Fitzgerald lets bond salesman Nick Carraway tell the tale of the inimitable bootlegger Jay Gatsby. He is the first-person narrator, revealing Gatsby layer by layer pining for his lost love, Daisy, in a gilded age blemished by corruption. Nick takes us through the Long Island Jazz-era lives and tragedies of Daisy, her husband, Tom Buchanan, and his mistress Myrtle Wilson.

Then we have Bertie Wooster and Jeeves. How much yarn has P.G. Wodehouse spun with this gentleman and his valet? The two characters and their light-hearted engagement framed so many laugh riots.

The legend goes that Vyasa did not write down the Mahabharata. It was Ganesha the scribe who wrote the epic for the sage. The war of the Pandavas and the Kauravas is framed by this transaction between the sage and the god. Thunchaththu Ramanujan Ezhuthachan narrates the *Adhyathma Ramayanam* in Malayalam as a *kilipattu*, or parrot song. Each chapter starts with the calling of the parrot and asking it to tell the song of Rama.

Geoffrey Chaucer, in *The Canterbury Tales*, uses a pilgrimage by 30 people to the shrine of Thomas Becket in Canterbury as a framing device. Each has to tell a story as they travel and each is a story in itself, as they are from various walks of life, professions and outlook. The larger frame story leads readers to several more stories. In Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, the disillusioned Marlow narrates the horrors he faces after going to Africa in a spirit of adventure. In *Thousand and One Nights*, the frame is of Scheherazade telling her husband, King Shahryar, one tale each night. Some of the tales themselves are set in other frames. Every entertaining *Jataka tale* is set in the frame of the life of the Buddha and his compassion and tolerance.

Coming back to the silver-screen, the popular 2018 multi-lingual film *Mahanati* is framed from the perspective of a journalist and a photographer who unravel the life of yesteryear actor Savitri, her rise to prominence, relationship with Gemini Ganesan and fall from grace.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On February 22, 1997, a team of British scientists announced the birth of Dolly the sheep, the first clone of an adult mammal. Here is a quiz on cloning

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

This was the first U.S. endangered species to be cloned. The animal that once inhabited the U.S. was wiped out as a result of farming. Born in 2020, the animal will be studied for scientific purposes, and will not be released into the wild. Name the animal.

QUESTION 2

Known as CC, this was the first cloned pet. Later, in 2004, Little Nicky was produced commercially as a clone pet. What is the full form of CC? Which is the animal?

QUESTION 3

The He Jiankui affair is a scientific controversy that became widely popular in 2018. What species of clones did the scientist say he produced? What are the names of the clones?

QUESTION 4

Samrupa was supposed to be India's answer to Dolly. However, Samrupa died days after it was born in 2009. Which animal's clone was Samrupa? Where was the animal born? Which technique was used to clone the animal?

QUESTION 5

An early fictional depiction of cloning is Bokanovsky's Process that is extensively written about in a 1931 dystopian novel. Identify the novel, and the author.

QUESTION 6

This is an American science fiction media franchise centred on a disastrous attempt to create a theme park of this cloned extinct animal. Identify the animal. What is the name of the franchise?

Visual question:
Identify this animal that was cloned in 2003. It died minutes later due to physical defects in the lungs. What is this clone known for?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The author of *The Palace of Illusions*. **Ans: Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni**
2. The author of *The Great Indian Novel*. **Ans: Shashi Tharoor**
3. The name of this book released in 2002 by S. L. Bhyrappa. **Ans: *Mandra***
4. The author of *Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh*. **Ans: Shrayana Bhattacharya**
5. *Sultan: A memoir* is this person's autobiography. **Ans: Wasim Akram**
6. This person's debut novel was *Khasakkinte Itihasam*. **Ans: O. V. Vijayan**
Visual: The location of these reading zones in Chennai. **Ans: Chennai Metro Stations**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Ms. Hansa Dutt Pandey, New-Katra, Allahabad wants to know whether 'I did go there' is correct. She also wants to know whether 'ichthyology' is a study of fishes or fish."

" 'I did go there' is correct. 'I did go there' is an emphatic statement. 'I went there' is a matter-of-fact statement. When you want to emphasise the fact that you went there, you use 'did.' The stress is on 'did.'

You didn't warn him, did you? I did warn him.
They do sell apples.
He does love her.
He did come here last night.
I do suspect him.

'Ichthyology' is a study of fishes. The plural of 'fish' is 'fish.' But when you want to refer to different kinds of fish, you use 'fishes.' 'Ichthyology' is a study of different kinds of fish. Hence 'fishes' is the appropriate word here."

"Mr. V. Srinivas, SRSP. Nirmal, wants to know the meaning of 'to have an ear to the ground.'"

" 'To have or to keep an ear to the ground' means 'to be alert regarding rumours or trend of opinion.' Politicians must keep their ears to the ground. Once when Winston Churchill was criticised for not keeping his ear to the ground, he said, "The British nation will find it very hard to look up to the leaders who are detected in that somewhat ungainly posture."'

"Mr. K. K. Subrahmanyam, Karedu, Prakasam district, wants to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'honoris causa.'"

" 'Honoris causa' means 'as an honour, as a token of respect.' It is a Latin expression which means 'for the sake of honour.' The first 'o' is pronounced like the 'o' in 'got.' The second 'o' is pronounced like the second sound in 'law.' The 'c' in 'causa' is pronounced 'k' as in 'kit.' 'au' is pronounced like the 'ou' in 'sound' and 'bound.' The 's' in 'causa' is pronounced 'z' and the 'a' is pronounced like the final sound in 'China'. The initial 'h' in 'honoris' is not pronounced. Recently Osmania University conferred on Mr. R. Venkataraman, Vice-President of India, the degree of Doctor of Literature; it was honoris causa. Universities award such honorary degrees to distinguished people."

Published in The Hindu on January 20, 1987.

Word of the day

Recalcitrant:
stubbornly resistant to authority or control; marked by stubborn resistance to authority (used as an adjective)

Synonyms: refractory, fractious

Usage: *The university suspended the most recalcitrant demonstrators.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/recalcitrantpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /rɪˈkalsɪtr(ə)nt/

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State police to port 38,347 SIM cards from BSNL to Jio

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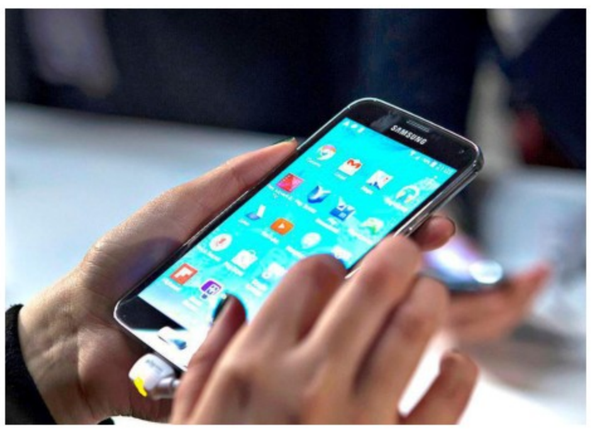

A majority of the over 38,000 connections are in remote rural areas where police officers complain of lack of good network coverage, a senior official said. FILE PHOTO

The Karnataka State police have decided to port to Reliance Jio from the State-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) for all their 38,000-odd official mobile phone SIM cards. This has drawn the ire of many, mainly the BSNL Employees' Union.

The Hindu accessed a circular issued by the Additional Director General of Communication, Logistics and Modernisation, on Monday, informing all the heads of units about the government approval for change of service provider from BSNL to Reliance Jio and that the transformation will happen in phases. There are a total of 38,347 connections.

A senior official said it was "purely a commercial decision to increase efficiency of the network available for an emergency service like the police". "A majority of these 38,000 connections are in remote rural areas where officers complain of lack of good network coverage. These days, the police need to transfer data including locations, photos, and videos on their mobile phones. Data speed of the existing service provider is woeful. While private firms are offering 5G services, BSNL is yet to offer even 4G services. For an emergency service like us, this is crippling," he said. The officer claimed that Reliance Jio was selected as an alternate service provider after a commercial evaluation according to Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999.

However, the BSNL Employees' Union alleged that this decision was only the latest instance of the government promoting Reliance Jio in the telecom sector at the cost of its own BSNL. "The Karnataka police is not the first to tread this path. Many Union government departments, including the Indian Railways and the Telangana police, have been directed to switch to Reliance Jio and now it's the turn of Karnataka," said Gundanna C.K., general secretary, BSNL Employees' Union.

Mr. Gundanna also alleged that the Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) had been a victim of deliberate apathy by the government to shut it down and promote the private sector. "The government recently brought in a Voluntary Retirement Scheme under which nearly 80,000 employees retired, leaving the organisation severely crunched for human resources. The government has not invested to augment infrastructure and it has not even allowed BSNL to provide 4G services, when the government is itself auctioning 5G spectrum to private players. This is a deliberate act," he alleged.

CM instructs Transport Dept. to roll out free bus pass for women from April 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai launched Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's new premier service 'Ambaari Utsav' at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has instructed the Transport Department to roll out a free bus pass scheme for working women and girl students with effect from April 1.

The said that the new scheme will help women in becoming self-reliant. He also directed the Road Transport Corporations (RTCs) to introduce school buses in the coming academic year.

In his recent Budget, the Chief Minister announced a free bus pass scheme for working women in the organised sector and school buses for the benefit of the students. On Tuesday, he launched Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's new premier service "Ambaari Utsav" at the Vidhana Soudha.

Mr. Bommai said that in each taluk, at least five school buses should be introduced. He assured that if more financial allocation is required, the State government is ready to provide the same.

Pay revision

On revision of salaries of the RTCs, the Chief Minister said that the State government will take a decision considering the financial situation and taking employees' representatives into confidence. He added that in the time of pandemic, the State government reached out and helped the RTCs facing financial distress. Salary revision is pending since January 1, 2020.

"The State government had provided ₹4,600 crore to the corporations and recently additional ₹1,000 crore was provided. The State government is ready to provide necessary support, including tax concessions. The RTCs should strive to deliver better services, end pilferages, bring transparency in procurement and make operations profitable," the Chief Minister said.

On the occasion, the joint working committee of the Road Transport Corporation Employees' Union submitted a requisition on pay revision.

Ambaari Utsav buses

On Tuesday, the KSRTC introduced another segment of premier services by inducting 15 "Ambaari Utsav" buses. The new buses will be operated on intra-State routes such as Bengaluru to Mangaluru and inter-State routes such as Bengaluru-Hyderabad, Bengaluru-Panaji, Bengaluru-Thiruvananthapuram and others. The buses are procured from Volvo.

Honey-trap gang busted; eight arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The South East division police arrested a gang of seven men and a woman who would trap gullible people on the pretext of escort services and later abduct them for ransom.

The accused, who are unemployed, produced and acted in a Kannada movie which they launched on social media. The woman member trapped a cab driver and his friend and took them in their own car to the city's outskirts before demanding a ransom of ₹5 lakh.

"Initially, the police thought that the woman was a victim but she turned out to be part of the gang and was sharing real-time location and details to the accused," said C.K. Baba, DCP, South East. The police managed to track down the accused to a lodge at Nanjangud in Mysuru district.

Hate speech: Activists demand action against Muthalik

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A delegation of human rights activists on Tuesday held a protest in front of the State police headquarters in the city, demanding *suo motu* case against Sri Rama Sene chief Pramod Muthalik for hate speech in Bagalkot recently.

Mr. Muthalik, during his speech, asked Hindu youth to target Muslim girls in response to alleged 'Love Jihad' and assured them job and other facilities. The delegation met Debjyothi Ray, IGP (Public Grievances and HR), who the activists claimed said that the police cannot register suo motu FIR. However, the delegation begged to differ.

Vinay Sreenivasa, human rights activist, said that the police were making wrong claims on the legal position as he claimed they can register suo motu FIRs in all cognizable offences. "Suo motu FIRs were registered against actor Chetan Ahimsa for his tweet on judiciary, student activists Amulya and Arudra during the anti-CAA protests. Supreme Court in its order on Shaheen Abdulla versus Centre directed three State governments to register suo motu FIRs in cases of hate speech," he said.

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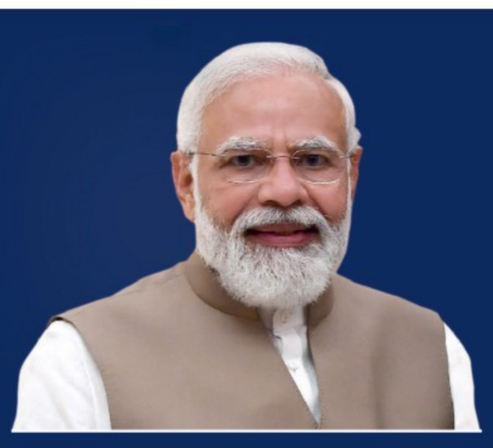

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

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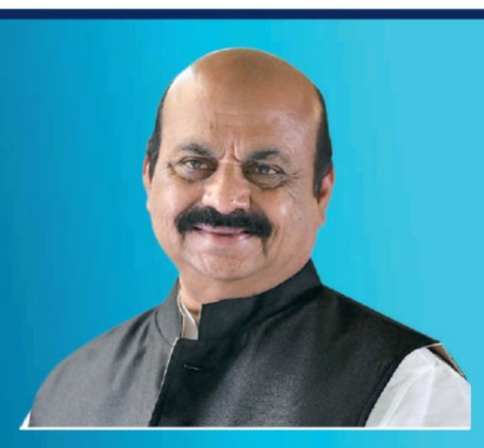
Karnataka Building And Other Construction Workers Welfare Board



Sri Basavaraj S Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Facilities provided by the Board under various welfare and social security schemes to registered construction workers from 2020-21 to January 2023

- A total of Rs. 982.52 crore scholarship was disbursed to 7.54 lakh children of registered construction workers.
- At a total cost of 6.26 crores, 737 children of registered construction workers are being trained for competitive examinations conducted by UPSC/KPSC.
- To look after the childrens of labourers while they are at work, 137 Kittoor Rani Chennamma Child Care Centers have been set up across the state.
- At a cost of Rs. 225.46 crores, Work related training and toolkits have been distributed to a total of 4.80 lakh registered construction workers.
- 32 Shramika Sanjeevini mobile health clinics have been started across the state to conduct health check-ups for registered construction workers and their dependents.
- Under Preventive Health Care and Training Scheme medical camps have been set up across the state and a total of 9.25 lakh registered workers have benefitted.
- KSRTC/BMTC Bus Passes have been distributed to 5.20 lakh workers, At a Cost of Rs. 187.64 Crores.
- Transit Accomodations are being constructed at Shivamogga, Bengaluru Rural, Davangere, Belagavi, Kalburgi and Chamarajnagar districts for providing temperory housing facility to migrant construction workers.
- Karmika Adalat 1.0 and 2.0 were conducted and out of 6.36 lakh pending and newly received applications, a total of 4.87 lakh applications were disposed on the spot and a total of Rs. 131.23 crores is disbursed.
- Under pension, family pension and disability pension schemes, financial assistance of Rs 24.05 crores has been disbursed to 6,343 registered beneficiaries.
- Under medical benefits like Karmika Aarogya Bhagya, Karmika Chikitsaa Bhagya, Accident compensation and Funeral expenses, financial assistance of Rs. 146.37 crores have been disbursed to 26,362 registered workers.
- Under maternity facility and Thayi Magu Sahayahastha schemes, 8,096 beneficiaries received financial assistance of Rs. 16.66 Crores.

Sri. Arbail Shivaram Hebbar, Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Chairman of the Board Distributing Admission Letters to children of registered workers who were selected for UPSC/KPSC pre-examination training.

Ineligible beneficiaries/workers (Non-construction workers) obtaining registration and availing benefits by providing false info/fake documents/impersonation is a punishable offence.

Labour Helpline 155214

Dr. N V Prasad, IAS
Secretary to Government,
Department of Labour

Akram Pasha, IAS
Labour Commissioner and CEO
KBOCWWB

We will redo GPT final selection list: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the recent order from the High Court directing the Department of School Education and Literacy to consider female married candidates who have submitted income certificate based on their father's income, the department has decided to redo the final list of Graduate Primary Teachers (GPT).

Speaking to *The Hindu*, B.C. Nagesh, Minister for School Education and Literacy, said: "We will redo the GPT final list following the court direction and even those who submitted father's income instead of husband's will be considered. We will announce the new list on the basis of merit."

While announcing the final list of selected candidates for the recruitment of over 15,000 teachers, the government did not consider those who have submitted the income of their father. Challenging the same, some candidates had approached the court.

Over ₹36 cr. lost to cyber fraud in January 2023

In 2022, citizens were duped of ₹363 crore; enforcement agencies have recovered ₹46.87 crore

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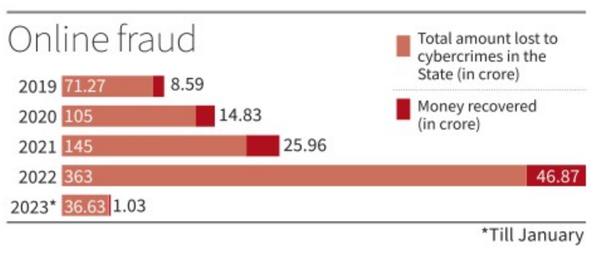

People of Karnataka lost a whopping ₹363 crore to cyber frauds in 2022, which averages very close to ₹1 crore per day. In January 2023 alone, people lost ₹36.63 crore to cyber fraudsters, breaching the ₹1 crore per day average.

As per the written reply provided by Home Minister Araga Jnanendra to questions raised by MLC M. Nagaraju on cyber frauds in the State, the amount of money lost increased five times in the last four years.

In 2019, people ended up losing ₹71.27 crore to online frauds and the amount touched over ₹363 crore in 2022.

Among the districts and cities, Bengaluru tops the list. Last year, Bengalureans lost ₹266 crore to cybercrimes. In 2021, people lost ₹97.79 crore to online frauds. Mysuru city stands second - fraudsters wiped out ₹14.07 crore from the victims. In Yadgir district, people lost the least amount of money - ₹4.35 lakh in 2022, marginally higher than ₹4.22 lakh in 2021.

People fell prey to various forms of cybercrimes, mainly targeting their online payment gateways and bank accounts. Social media platforms have also been used to cheat people financially and otherwise.

"The penetration of data and digitisation of the economy over the last two years both in the countryside and among the lower income groups, has made large swathes of the populace otherwise insulated from cybercrimes, suddenly vulnerable. Now even a pushcart seller has a digital payment gateway, which was not the case earlier. Data penetration has also brought them to social media platforms. This hasn't been coupled with digital literacy, making them more prone to cyber fraudsters," a senior official with experience in fighting cybercrime said. However, he also said that compared to previous years, reporting of cybercrimes had shot up in the last two years.

₹46.87 crore recovered

The reply from the State government said that in 2022, the enforcement agencies recovered ₹46.87 crore lost to cybercrime. The recovery amount gradually increased over the years. The authorities recovered ₹8.59 crore in 2019. The amount jumped to ₹14.83 crore in 2020 and ₹25.96 crore in 2021. This is thanks to the Cyber-crime Incidence Report (CIR) started by the Bengaluru city police in mid-2021.

KSEAB to hold both Class X and II PU exams this year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the first time, Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) will hold both Class X and II PU examinations this year.

While 7,27,387 students have enrolled for II PU exams, 8,69,490 students have enrolled for Class X exams. These exams will be held in 4,416 centres across the State. These will be the first exams in three years without any COVID-19 protocols.

Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh and Home Minister Araga Jnanendra held a joint review meeting of the preparations for the two exams on Tuesday. "Tight security will be deployed across centres and all precautionary measures to prevent examination malpractice have been taken," said Mr. Nagesh.

While all chests to store question and answer sheets, exam centres and evaluation centres will be under CCTV surveillance, nobody will be allowed to use mobile phones, except for the superintendent of the examination centre, who will also be allowed to use a basic handset.

'Brain-inspired image sensor can detect miniscule objects'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in a new study have shown how a brain-inspired image sensor can go beyond the diffraction limit of light to detect miniscule objects such as cellular components or nanoparticles invisible to current microscopes. Their novel technique, which combines optical microscopy with a neuromorphic camera and machine learning algorithms, presents a major step forward in pinpointing objects smaller than 50 nanometers in size, said the institute.

Measuring roughly 40 mm (height) by 60 mm (width) by 25 mm (diameter), and weighing about 100 grams, the neuromorphic camera used in the study mimics the way the human retina converts light into electrical impulses.

"Such neuromorphic cameras have a very high dynamic range (>120 dB), which means that you can go from a very low-light environment to very high-light conditions. The combination of the asynchronous nature, high dynamic range, sparse data, and high temporal resolution of neuromorphic cameras make them well-suited for use in neuromorphic microscopy," said Chetan Singh Thakur, Assistant Professor, IISc.

In the study, the group used their neuromorphic camera to pinpoint individual fluorescent beads smaller than the limit of diffraction, by shining laser pulses at high and low intensities. As the intensity increases, the camera captures the signal as an "ON" event, while an "OFF" event is reported when the light intensity decreases. The data from these events were pooled together to reconstruct frames.

BBMP budget likely in March first week, says Commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BBMP budget may get approval from the State government and BBMP administrator in the first week of March, said civic body commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Tuesday.

"We have started preparing the budget and it will be submitted to the BBMP administrator and may get approval by the government in the first week of March," he said. Mr. Tushar Giri Nath told reporters that this year, the budget will be uploaded to the website and copies will be printed. However, he didn't clarify about presenting the budget.

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Bengaluru	32	17

Bengaluru Today
31°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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CAMPA	01	Harohalli Wildlife Range	Excavation of Hardrock in Existing Elephant proof trench to 3.0mx 3.0mx 1.5m of section in Harohalli wildlife range of Bannerughatta National Park Division	Konaldoddi APC camp to Rahuthana hallakere	5.58 km	69.65	1,74,130	ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷ

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಅಥವಾ ವಿಳಾಸ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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Website: www.apsasc.edu.in
Tender Notice

Sealed tender are invited for Construction of Over Head Roof Shelter for Assembly Ground. Tender enquiry/ form (also uploaded on website www.apsasc.edu.in for reference) to be collected from school office after payment of ₹1000/-(DD in favour APS ASC Centre & College) from 22 Feb 2023 to 13 Mar 2023 (1000hrs to 1300hrs). Last date to submit filled tender form is 14 Mar 2023 at 1130 AM.

Presiding Officer
For School Management

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Project Central-6, Annexe-3 Building, BBMP,
Bengaluru-560 002.

No.EE/PC-6/TEND/8/2022-23 Date: 21-02-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	"Consultancy Services including Proof Checking for Construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the Work of "Renovation and Additional Floor construction of Urban Primary Health Centers in Ward No.174, 175, 184, 188, 189, 191, 192 and 196 of Bommanahalli Zone Limits, Bengaluru".	6000/- (Through E-Procurement Portal)

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of queries is **24-02-2023 up to 5:30 p.m.** in e-portal only. **(2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **27-02-2023 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer Project-Central. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **5:30 p.m. on 04-03-2023. (4)** Technical Bids will be opened on **06-03-2023 at 4:00 p.m. (5)** Corrigendum/ Addendum/any other clarification will be published in e-Procurement Portal only. **(6)** This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP website: www.bbmp.gov.in. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. DIVISION, GADAG.
Phone No : 08372-238782 Fax No. 08372-237268
E.Mail : eepwdgad@gmail.com
No:EEPWDGDG PB :Different Head:2022-23/7373 Dt.21-02-2023

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division,Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of **50** work of total amount of Rs. **1587.19** Lakh (Min estimate amount: Rs. **3.00** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount: **230.00** Lakhs) for the Different Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW- 1 2 3 & 4 through e-procurement. http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/

(a) Last Date for Clarification upto : **28-02-2023,** (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **02-03-2023** (c) Opening of Technical/ Financial Bid Date : **03-03-2023** (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **04-03-2023**

Work Indent No : 156388 156387 161328 161329 1638736 163874 163875 163876 162907 165152 165156 165169 165024 164798 163474 Call-2 163936 Call-2 142324-Call-2, 163360 Call-2, 162968 Call-3, 163356 Call-2, 163034 Call-3, 162876 Call-3 163002 Call-3, 162990 Call-3 162970 Call-3, 162932 163358,163325-SC 163516-SC, 165506, 165189, 165100, 165098-SC, 165097, 165096, 165095, 165094, 165093, 165092-ST, 165091, 165090, 165086, 165658, 165656, 165655, 165654, 165524-SC, 164265, 165679-ST, 165682-SC,

The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.

GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/674/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Gadag.

KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Grameenabhivriddhi Bhavana, 4th & 5th Floor, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru-09.
No.: KRIDL/WKS/STL/TND/2022-23 Dt: 20.02.2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The applications are invited for the supply of TMT Steel Bars as per IS 1786 FE 550 to KRIDL (KLAC) projects throughout Karnataka from the Manufacturers/Primary Manufacturers with turnover stipulated in table below per annum in last 3 financial years. The firm shall have satisfactory completion of similar supplies of 1000 MT in the last three financial years to the Government Departments/Semi-Government Departments/Public sector undertakings and Public & Private Firms/ Companies. Interested manufacturers can participate in the tender and they can view, download and apply only through the e-Governance Secretariat's Website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Contact: 91-8046010000 +91-8068948777.

Sl. No.	Particulars of Tender	Qty. in M.T	Aprx. Amount Rs.in Lakhs	EMD Amount Rs. in Lakhs	Required Turnover of Firm in Lakhs
1	Tender Part-I Bengaluru & BBMP Zone	601	375.62	5.64	1200.00
2	Tender Part-II Central (Chitraduraga) Zone	880	550.00	8.25	1760.00
3	Tender Part-III Mysuru Zone	719	449.37	6.75	1440.00
4	Tender Part-IV Belagavi Zone	815	529.70	7.95	1695.00
5	Tender Part-V Kalaburagi Zone	485	315.22	4.80	1000.00

Period of supply Three months from the date of Supply order. Last date and time for enquiry is **08.03.2023 up to 14.00 hrs.** Last date and time for receipt of tender **08.03.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is on **10.03.2023 at 16.00 hrs.** Date of opening of Financial Bid is on **13.03.2023 at 16.00 hrs.**

For further details please contact Chief Engineer (BBMP)
Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Ltd., Bengaluru-09.
Phone: 080-28015604/640
For information please log on to: www.kridl.org.in

DIPR/DD.CP/4845/MCA/2022-23

Sd/- Chief Engineer (BBMP)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/WMC/TKR/6001-03 Date: 20.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites tenders for the following works on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

1) Bid Enquiry No. SEE/TR(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-29/dated:17.02.2023. for Augmentation of 1x12.5MVA, Power Transformer-2 by 1x20MVA Power Transformers at 66/11kV Substation, Bellavi in Tumakuru Division, Tumakuru Circle.

2) Bid Enquiry No. SEE/TR(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-30/dated:17.02.2023. for Augmentation of 2x12.5MVA, Power Transformer-1&2 by 2x20MVA Power Transformers at 66/11kV Substation, Honnudike in Tumakuru Division, Tumakuru Circle.

3) Bid Enquiry No. SEE/TR(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-31/dated:17.02.2023. for Augmentation of 1x10MVA, Power Transformer-1 by 1x20MVA Power Transformers at 110/11kV Substation, Kadaba in Tumakuru Division, Tumakuru Circle.

4) Bid Enquiry No. SEE/TR(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-32/dated:17.02.2023. for Augmentation of 1x10MVA, Power Transformer-1 by1x20MVA Power Transformers at 110/11kV Substation, Sampige in Tumakuru Division, Tumakuru Circle.

The detailed information regarding enquiry in E-Procurement Portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnaraka.gov.in** on hyperlink e-Procurement or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 22.02.2023.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Siddaganga Complex,
B.H. Road,Tumakuru - 2. Ph: 0816- 2955095

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The office comes into focus, the home fades away

Amazon recently joined the procession of companies heading towards a hybrid work model, turning their back decisively on a fully-remote work arrangement. This June, Meesho would be replacing "work from anywhere" with "work from office" but with flexibility built into the new format.

Further down the work landscape, there are companies that had experimented with hybrid models, but are making work synonymous with office, setting the clock back to pre-pandemic times.

Mumbai-based tech company Fynd resumed the five-day office week this year, but not before introducing "inducements", including perks relating to transport and food, to make the switch back to pre-pandemic work systems palatable.

Tarun Kochhar, founder and CEO, Carpediem, notes the "work from anywhere" model was a contingency born out of the pandemic. As the crisis has gone – at least, lost its virulence – the work arrangement it birthed might have to go or continue with changes. While transitioning to a hybrid work model, companies would soften the blow by first asking employees to put in only two or three days at office. The call back to office has a tone that is more coaxing than commanding. Efforts to populate the offices are helped by a growing enthusiasm among the workforce to have the office as their primary workspace.

Both Ernst & Young (EY) and L&T Technology Services underline an eagerness among new hires to be working from office. Abhishek Sinha, chief operating officer and board member at L&T Technology Services, shares that though working entirely from office has not been made mandatory yet at his office, there is a rising trend of engineers wanting to come back to the company's delivery centres.

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Advertisement No. IITM/R/2/2023 **dated : 22.02.2023**

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Anitha alleges protocol violation at Harohalli

The Ramanagaram MLA and Minister Ashwath Narayan spar over development of the district

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the second incident of an alleged violation of protocol at a government function, the Janata Dal (Secular) has alleged that its legislator Anitha Kumaraswamy, representing Ramanagaram, was "insulted" and protocol was violated on Tuesday in the district.

The alleged violation took place during the inauguration of the taluk office at Harohalli in which Higher Education Minister and district in-charge C.N. Ashwath Narayan took part. The Minister is alleged to have inaugurated the taluk office without waiting for Ms. Kumaraswamy's presence. "By the time Ms. Kumaraswamy reached the stage, the Minister had inaugurated the office," JD(S) sources said.

Both Ms. Kumaraswamy and the Minister sparred on the stage as well. Even as the Minister claimed credit of the BJP government for development works close to ₹1,000 crore in Ramanagaram district, Ms. Kumaraswamy disputed his statement and said the works had been almost completed during the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's tenure.

This is the second incident of alleged protocol violation involving government functionaries and the JD(S). Recently, Mr. Kumaraswamy alleged a violation of protocol in Channapatna in which BJP MLC C.P. Yogeshwar was present. In another unrelated incident, Dr. Ashwath Narayan and Bengaluru Rural MP D.K. Suresh had almost come to blows in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai after Mr. Suresh alleged that protocol had been violated during the unveiling of B.R. Ambedkar's statue.

"I am hurt by the way I was insulted during the inauguration. This is how women are being treated in the BJP government. I will complain to Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri and also to the Privileges Committee. The government should know the basic protocol is that the local legislator presides any government function," Ms. Kumaraswamy took to Twitter later to vent her ire.

She further said, "Both H.D. Kumaraswamy and I have worked for development of Ramanagara by keeping politics aside. The district in-charge Minister tries to politicise even small issues. I am surprised to see the urgency of Dr. Ashwath Narayan in inaugurating the taluk office. Everyone knows that it was Mr. Kumaraswamy who announced Harohalli as a taluk centre."

State's Central share of taxes, grants have reduced, though Union Budget size has increased: Siddaramaiah

This situation, coupled with corruption, is making Karnataka reel under loan burden, claims the former Chief Minister

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Tuesday alleged that the "injustice" being meted out by the Centre in allocating the State's share of taxes as well as grants, coupled with corruption in the State government, had increased Karnataka's loan burden, causing a strain on its finances.

On State Budget: Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah speaking in the Legislative Assembly in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Debt servicing

Participating in a debate in the Assembly on the State Budget, Mr. Siddaramaiah alleged that the total loan burden of the State would touch ₹5.64 lakh crore by the end of the next financial year, resulting in the State ending up paying ₹56,000 crore a year as interest and principal amount towards debt servicing.

Pointing out that Karnataka had got a total Central share of taxes and grant of ₹51,977 crore in 2018-19 when the Union Budget had a size of ₹24,42,293 crore, he said the Central allocation had reduced to ₹50,257 crore now though the Union Budget size had increased to ₹45,03,097 crore. Going by the Union Budget size, Karnataka should have got about ₹1.04 lakh crore as its share of Central taxes and grants, he maintained.

Contribution

Pointing out that Karnataka was contributing about ₹2.72 lakh crore of Central taxes, including GST and I-T, he said the State had been given a Central share of taxes to the tune of only ₹37,252 crore as against other States which got more tax share though they collected a fraction of Central taxes when compared with Karnataka.

Reeling out statistics, he alleged that Tamil Nadu was given a Central share of taxes of ₹41,000 crore though it collected central taxes of only ₹88,000 crore, Uttar Pradesh got more than ₹1 lakh crore of Central tax share as against its collection of ₹34,070 crore, and Andhra Pradesh got ₹41,000 crore of Central share of taxes though it collected only ₹56,007 crore of Central taxes.

This had resulted in Karnataka's loan burden going up, he alleged. "While the erstwhile Congress government led by me borrowed ₹1.16 lakh crore in five years from 2013, the BJP dispensation borrowed ₹3.22 lakh crore in the last four years," he said.

Long wait

Mr. Siddaramaiah had to wait for over an hour to resume his speech on the Budget in the post-lunch session as it took a long time for the House to get quorum after the quorum bell started ringing.

Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri said, "Members cutting across party affiliations should have seriousness and understand the importance of the session."

25% domicile quota in NLSIU: Minister hopeful of securing favourable verdict in SC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy on Tuesday told the Legislative Assembly that the State government would not surrender 25% seats reserved for students of Karnataka in the admission of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) Bengaluru.

The issue would come before the Supreme Court on February 24 and senior counsel Tushar Mehta would argue the case for the government.

In a reply to a question of senior member S. Suresh Kumar (BJP) during the question hour, the Minister expressed confidence of getting a judgment in favour of the legislation enacted by the State government reserving 25% seats under the domicile quota.

The Minister said he had written to the NLSIU to follow the norms and provide 25% reservation in seats for Karnataka-origin candidates.

"The 25% quota for State students is not in the general quota." he said.

Assembly adopts six private varsities' Bills

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legislative Assembly on Tuesday adopted six private universities' Bills.

The Bills that were adopted are G.M. University Bill, Kishkinda University Bill, Acharya University Bill, Sapthagiri NPS University Bill, Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha University Bill, and T. John University Bill. The Bills, piloted by Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, had been tabled in the House during the session held in Belagavi in December.

'No proposal to merge KMF with Amul'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy on Tuesday clarified that there was no proposal before the government for merger of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) with Amul.

Mr. Madhuswamy, who replied on behalf of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on the Governor's speech in the Legislative Council, said there was a broad proposal some years ago to have common marketing and branding.

"This was thought to result in improved sales where several products such as ghee, butter, ice cream, and yoghurt would be sold nationally under one brand," said Mr. Madhuswamy, a former KMF chairman himself.

He, however, said there was no question of merger of the two milk cooperative societies.

"Today, we do not even want to have a common brand as the KMF's Nandini has become an international brand itself," he added.

L.S. Shashidhara

Shashidhara is new director of NCBS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

L.S. Shashidhara has taken over as the director of the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) from Satyajit Mayor.

Mr. Shashidhara was a professor of biology at IISER Pune and continues as an honorary professor at Ashoka University. He specialised in genetics, molecular biology, and evolutionary biology. He did his undergraduate and postgraduate studies in genetics and plant breeding at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, and studied the regulation of chlorophyll biosynthesis for his PhD at the University of Cambridge, U.K.

IN THE COURT OF THE 11th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 6281 of 2015 (CCCH No.8)
BETWEEN: SRI. RAGHUPATHI AND OTHERS
All are R/at : # 120/1, 4th cross, Annasandra Palya, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore -17. **...PLAINTIFFS**
AND: SMT. KANAKAMMA AND OTHERS
All are R/at Annasandra playa, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore- 560017. **....DEFENDANTS**
Notice to Proposed Defendants No. 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 through Paper Publication.
12) Mr. Suresh Kumar, Age 53 years, S/o late Shri Jai Narayan, Available at Medical Stores, Command Hospital, Airforce, Agram Post, Bangalore-560007.
14) Mrs. Deepa Bheemarayappa Murgod
Aged about 37 years, W/o Prashant Kumar Guggari,
15) Mr. Prashanth Kumar Guggari,
Aged about 37 years, S/o Kottresh Guggari,
Proposed defendants 14 and 15 R/at : No. G03, Innovative Raaga Apartment, 9th cross, 1st Main, Devappa Layout, Krishanayyana Palya, Behind NGEF, Bengaluru - 560038.
16) Mr. Sooraj Shankar, Aged about 37 years S/o Shankar, R/at No, 115/3, 2nd Floor, 10th Cross, Domlur Village, Domlur, Bengaluru - 560071.
17) Mr. P. RamaKrishana Prasad, Aged about 62 Years, S/o Late P Dharma Rao, R/ at No. 15, 2nd Cross, Ramesh nagar, Bangalore . 560037.
Whereas the Plaintiffs has instituted the above suit for Declaration, Permanent and Mandatory injunction against You. The Hon'ble Court has issued emergent notice of suit thought paper publication. You all are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court **on 27-03-2023 at 11.00 AM .** in person or through a pleader, failing which the suit will be disposed of Ex-parte.
SCHEDULE - A: All piece & parcel of property bearing No.160/1A4, measuring 6 guntas (6534 Sq.ft) Situated at **Vibuthipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP jurisdiction ward No.87, Bangalore** and bounded as follows : **East by :** Survey No.106 /1A5, **West by :** Annasandra palya main Road, **North by :** Annasandra palya road/ corner Site, **South by :** A. Chinnaswamy's Property.
SCHEDULE - B :
(Property purportedly constructing by the D1to D4)
All piece and parcel of property bearing No.106/1A4, measuring to 4 guntas, Situated at Vibuthipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP jurisdiction ward No.87, Bangalore and bounded as follows : **East by :** Survey No.106 /1A5, **West by :** Remaining property of Sy.no.106/1A4, **North by :** Annasandra palya main road/corner Site, **South by :** A. Chinnaswamy's Property.
SCHEDULE - C
(Property purportedly constructing by the D5 to D7)
All piece and parcel of property bearing No.106/1A4, measuring to 2 guntas, Situated at Vibuthipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP jurisdiction ward No.87, Bangalore and bounded as follows : **East by :** Remaining property of Sy.no.106/1A4, **West by :** Annasandra palya main road, **North by :** Annasandra palya main Road/corner Site, **South by :** A.N. Keshavareddy Property.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 15-02-2023.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrars, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiffs: SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES
No.50, IInd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
O/o The Chief Engineer, KUWS&D Board, Mysuru, Jalabhavan, #P-4, 10th main, 3rd cross, 3rd floor, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru-09. Ph No: 0821- 2545894, Email: kwbcemys2014@gmail.com Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
The tender for the work of "Improvements of Water Supply System to **Karkala Town** under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a period of 5 years" amounting to **Rs.47.90 Crores** has been invited vide e-procurement portal indent **No:KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3336** through E-procurement Portal. Further details may be obtained through e-procurement portal website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S. & D BOARD, Mysuru.
DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/1057/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the persons whomsoever concerned that my clients being the legal heirs of late Smt. Gunambamma and late Sri. Govindarajulu Naidu being the sons and legal representatives namely, Sri.B. G.Rajendra Naidu and legal representatives of the deceased sons and daughters namely, Sri. B Gajendra , Sri. B S Surendra Naidu and Sri. B G Chandramohan have represented to our client that they are the only legal heirs who have succeeded to the immovable property bearing No.22 (Old No.45) ,3rd Cross, IV Block , Kumara Park West Extension , Bengaluru has detailed below and have negotiated to convey the property by way of an absolute sale.
My clients having decided to purchase the property by way of an absolute sale and hence if any person/ persons have any objection for the proposed sale or any claim in respect of the property they may forward their objections to the undersigned with copies of the document on which they rely upon/ claim title over the property within **10 (ten) days** from the date of this publication .If no objections are received from anybody my clients will proceed to complete the sale transactions with the above said persons and any objections or claim received thereafter will not be entertained.
SCHEDULE
Eastern portion of the property bearing BBMP Number 22 (old no.45) Bearing PID Number. 27-88-22 situated at 3rd Cross, IV Block, Kumara Park West Extension, Bengaluru-560020 measuring 23 feet 6 inches East to West and 58 feet5 inches North to South consisting of a ground and first floor with RCC roofing.
Bounded on **East :** Private property bearing B.B.M.P. No. 21 belonging to B G Venkataswamy. ,**West :** Private property bearing BBMP No. 23 , **North :** Road , **South :** Private property
D. N. MANJUNATH , Advocate
No.4, 3rd Cross, Annayappa Circle, Kumara Park West Extention, Bengaluru-560020

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client **Smt.Lakshmamma K.V. W/o M.G.Nagaraja,** is intending to purchase the agricultural land bearing Sy.No.594 measuring 06 Acres 16 Guntas plus 06 Guntas adjacent kharab land, totally measuring 6 Acres 22 Guntas, situated at Marehalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District from K.Marigowda, S/o Kempegowda, residing at Devarahalli Village, Chikka Arasikere Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District. The said property is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property. The owner of the Schedule property has handed over the xerox copies of the documents in respect of the Schedule property to my client. Any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest in the schedule property may file objection to the undersigned with documentary proof, **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this Notice and if no valid objections are received within stipulated time, my client will proceed with assumptions that, there are no objections or claims of whatsoever nature from any person/s for purchasing the schedule property. Any objection received after 15 days will not be entertained and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property in accordance with law.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the **agricultural land bearing Sy.No.594 measuring 06 Acres 16 Guntas plus 06 Guntas adjacent kharab land, totally measuring 6 Acres 22 Guntas, situated at Marehalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District,** and bounded on:**East by** :Sy. No.596, **West by:** Road, **North by** :Sy.No.595, **South by:** Government Nala and Road.
J.S.Dinesh, Advocate
No.74, Mathrushri, 76th Cross, 12th "E" Main Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-560 010.
Ph: 9448020528, 080-23300528

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.
Short Term Tender Notification No:27/2022-23
Date:20.02.2023/ CALL-2
The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk Hassan Dist., As Per KW-3, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two covers) through e- procurement only vide No. 27/2022-23, Date: 20.02.2023/CALL-2 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-III and above of any State /Central Government / Public Sector organization with Electrical License Details:-1 work, approximate amount Rs.63.21 lakhs, EMD as Prescribed in e-portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 22.02.2023 to 02.03.2023 through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E – portal (2)Opening of Technical bid (Cover-I) 03.03.2023 at 5.00 PM onwards. (if possible) (3)Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the competent authority. For further information etc.,contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in(Department).
Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹೆಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/1121/2022–23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department Mangaluru Division Mangaluru
No. PWD/MDV/TND 79E/4059/2022-23/JE-3 **Dated :20.02.2023**
SHORTERM- E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
On behalf of Government of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru invities Tender in Two Cover bids under E-tendering system in **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Public portal form eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTTP for the following work The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criterion specified in I.T.T Clause – 3 of Standard Tender Document KW-4, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender document may downloaded from the Public-procurement portal of the government of Krarnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Name of the Work: (1) Cluster 11-Construction Of Boys Hostel In Mangalore Taluk D.K District, Construction Of Government Girls Hostel At Kaladka,Near Sri Rama School In Bantwala Taluk D.K.District, Construction Of Girls Hostel In Sy. No 356/1 In Kasaba Village Of Belthangady Taluk D.K.District, Construction Of Boys Hostel At Chikkamagaluru Town & Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District.
Approximate value of work: **Rs.1931.81 Lakhs**, Total Earnest Money Deposit **Rs. 19.31814 Lakhs,** Part–I: Through e-payment **Rs.1.00 Lakh,** Part–II: Through Bank Guarantee: **Rs.18.31814 Lakhs**
Period of Completion including Mansoon: **11 Months**, Tender Processing Fees: As per e- portal
Calender of Events: (1) Date from which Tender documents can be downloaded from e- portal: **21.02.2023 to 07.03.2023** (2) Date of pre- bid Meeting & place: **28.02.2023 at 11.00 AM,** Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mangalore. (3) Last date for clarification: **06.03.2023 upto 5.30 PM** (4) Last date for reciept of tender: **07.03.2023 upto 16.00 Hours** (5) Opening of Technical Bids: **08.03.2023 at 4.30 PM**
Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc., can been seen from e -portal. The interested bidders may obtain any further information and clarifications in the office of the under - signed and can be seen from e -portal.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Mangaluru Division, Mangaluru
DIPR/MNG/KSMCA/1376/22-23 dt.21.02.2023

NATIONAL URBAN HEALTH MISSION
BANGALORE URBAN HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY (R)
BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Health Officer(P.H.), Annex-2 Building, BBMP head office, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002
No:CPMO/NUHM/PR/102/2022-23 **Date: 21.02.2023**
NOTIFICATION
Applications are invited from eligible candidates for recruitment through walk-in process on full contract basis for a period of 01 years on the basis of Merit Co. Roster for the following various vacancies under National Urban Health Campaign (NUHM), RCH, National Tuberculosis Eradication Program (RNTCP), National Mental Health Programme, Tobacco Control Programme, Leprosy Eradication Program of BBMP Health Department.

Sl. No.	Name of the programme	Name of the posts	Educational Qualification	Basic Salary per month (Rs.)	No. of Posts
1.	NLEP	Para Medical Worker	• High School/ PUC with training Certificate of PMW. Or MSW/BSc with 3 years experience in the field of Health. • Computer Knowledge	16,800/-	2
2	NTEP	Senior Tuberculosis Laboratory Supervisor (STLS)	• BSc LT or Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology or equivalent from a govt recognized institution. • Permanent two wheeler driving license & should be able to drive two wheelers. • Certificate course in computer operations (minimum Six months) • Minimum Of year Experience in Health sector	21,000/-	2
3	DMHP	Psychiatric Nurse	• BSc Nursing or Equivalent degree from recognized institute approved by KNCI or General Nursing. • 2 years work experience in Psychiatry/mental health hospital or institute. • Master degree in Psychiatric Nursing from recognized institute approved by NCI.	14,000/-	1
4	DMHP	Community Nurse	• BSc Nursing or Equivalent degree from recognized institute approved by KNCI or General Nursing. • 2 years work experience in Hospital.	14,000/-	1
5	NUHM	Medical Officer	• MBBS Degree completed with internship, Kannada language is mandatory, KMC registration.	47,250/-	29
6	NUHM	Community Mobilizer	• Masters Degree in Social work or any of the social sciences.	50,000/-	1
7	NUHM	Zonal Accounts Manager	• M.Com with Tally Certificate.	17,000/-	2
8	NUHM	Dentist	• BDS with minimum 3 years of experience or MDS	63,000/-	4
9	NUHM	ASHA Mentor	• GNM/BSc Nursing/Dip. Nursing(ANM) with KNC registration and 2 and 3 years of experience.	15,600/-	3
10	NTCP	District Consultant	• Post graduate in Public Health or Social Science or Management or related field from a recognized institution/University or MBBS/BDS candidates with at least 2 years of experience.	40,000/-	1
11	NTCP	Psychologist / Counselor	• Post graduate degree in psychology/MSW or graduate in psychology/Trained in Counseling with 2 years of experience in the field of counseling services.	25,000/-	1
12	RCH	District Community Mobilizer	• GNM/ANM/BSc (Nursing) or Public Health Diploma/ Social Work/ Degree in Social Science/Master Degree. • 2-3 Years Training Experience, KNC registered, Computer and Kannada language knowledge compulsory.	13,135/-	1
13	RCH	RBSK Medical Officer	• BAMS, (2 years experience in Public Health /Govt. Health Program or NGO, Work Experience in NHM.	25,000/-	1

Place of Interview: **Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bangalore - 560 002.**
Walk-in Process date :**01.03.2023 to 03.03.2023,** Timings : **10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.**
Eligibility Criteria :
1) Age Limit : Candidate shall not exceed the age limit for below mentioned categories:
a) General : **35 years,** b) 2A,2B, 3A, 3B - **38 years**, c) SC, ST : **40 years.**
Interested candidates are advised to download the application form from BBMP website and attend the walk-in selection process at the above mentioned venue and date along with the filled application along with original documents of qualification, one self attested xerox copy and two photographs. For more details, e-mail id : **cpmobbmp@gmail.com** OR visit BBMP's website **www.bbmp.gov.in**
Sd/- Chief Health Officer(P.H.) & Member Secretary, BCH &FWS

INBRIEF

TDP leader Pattabhi Ram, 10 others booked for murder bid

Telugu Desam Party spokesperson K. Pattabhi Ram, party's BC leader Donthu Chinna and nine others were booked by the Andhra Pradesh Police for alleged murder attempt against Gannavaram circle inspector of police Pogiri Kanaka Rao. Mr. Kanaka Rao received a head injury in the attack allegedly incited by Mr. Pattabhi Ram on Monday. He is being treated at a hospital.

'G20 deliberations won't result in the Holy Grail'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It would be presumptuous to expect that discussions and deliberations planned under the G20 Indian Presidency would result in a Holy Grail that can solve problems of all the nations, said V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor, on Tuesday.

Mr. Nageswaran was responding to media queries a day prior to the first G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors, Finance and Central Bank Deputies meeting planned between February 22 and 25 at a hotel near Nandi Hills. Union Minister Anuraj Thakur will inaugurate the conference. "These are discussions, deliberations, sharing knowledge and experiences, which may lead to finding solutions to problems. It is not that India will find the Holy Grail for all the countries, and if we think so, it will be presumptuous," he said, responding to a query on the expected outcomes.

Ajay Seth, Secretary (Economic Affairs), said G20 finance Ministers and Central bank Governors will discuss debt troubles in developing economies, finding a consensus on cryptocurrencies and global inflationary pressures at the meeting. "International taxation, reforms of multilateral development banks, and securing adequate finance to combat climate change, energy etc will also be part of the agenda of the four-day conference," Mr. Seth added.

Pinarayi sets the ball rolling for new anti-BJP battlefront

Lok Sabha election campaign steadily picks up momentum in Kerala; Chief Minister attempts to cast the ruling Left Democratic Front as the lone dyke against the Hindu majoritarian nationalism

G Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A new battlefront for anti-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) votes is shaping up between the opposing political fronts as the 2024 Lok Sabha election campaign steadily picks up momentum in Kerala.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan set the ball rolling on Monday by attempting to cast the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) as the lone dyke against the "rising tide" of Hindu majoritarian nationalism.

For one, he accused the Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH) of flirting with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) with the blessings of

Pinarayi Vijayan

a "fringe few" in the top leadership of the Congress and the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) in the State.

Mr. Vijayan said the confluence of interests of a fundamentalist few on the outer edge of the IUML and a similar minority toeing a soft Hindutva line in the Congress manifested in the "JIH-RSS parleys" in New Delhi in January.

Mr. Vijayan's statement seemed to hark back to the LDF's line in 2020 that some in the IUML had accepted the "spiritual leadership" of the "fundamentalist" JIH.

However, the LDF's position became water under the bridge later in 2023, with the Communist Party of India (Marxist) inviting the IUML to forge a broad agreement with Left secular parties against the BJP.

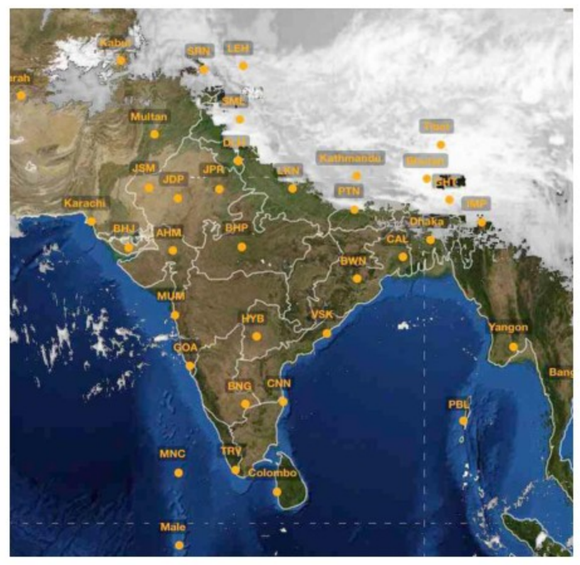
The CPI(M) reportedly felt that the RSS-JIH controversy had helped it strike fecund wellsprings of support in the sizeable minority community in the State, given the criticism JIH drew from other Muslim organisations. The United Democratic Front rejected Mr. Vijayan's line that a fundamentalist fringe in the IUML and the Congress was pushing into the mainstream of UDF politics in the State, with an eye on religious fundamentalist votes to stabilise their respective "shaky bases" in the State ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said accommodating fundamentalist organisations for political expediency was CPI(M)'s legacy.

Mr. Satheesan said the RSS had supported Mr. Vijayan when he contested the Assembly elections in 1977 and 1989.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh and northeast Assam. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/hail likely at isolated places over northeast Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Manipur

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.6	19.0	Kozhikode	—	35.4	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	34.5	14.8	Kurnool	—	36.5	21.2
Aizawl	—	23.0	12.8	Lucknow	—	32.8	16.0
Allahabad	—	34.4	13.8	Madurai	—	35.0	21.5
Bengaluru	—	32.3	16.8	Mangaluru	—	34.3	23.8
Bhopal	—	35.2	14.2	Mumbai	—	34.7	19.4
Bhubaneswar	—	38.0	19.8	Mysuru	—	30.0	15.2
Chandigarh	—	30.0	17.2	New Delhi	—	31.4	16.1
Chennai	—	34.7	21.0	Patna	—	31.4	17.2
Coimbatore	—	34.2	20.2	Port Blair	—	30.6	22.2
Dehradun	—	29.8	13.3	Puducherry	—	34.2	20.0
Gangtok	—	14.8	10.1	Pune	—	36.2	15.8
Goa	—	32.6	22.4	Raipur	—	36.2	17.5
Guwahati	0.1	25.2	19.1	Ranchi	—	32.8	14.2
Hubballi	—	37.0	18.0	Shillong	0.3	20.2	10.9
Hyderabad	—	35.8	18.8	Shimla	—	20.0	8.4
Imphal	—	27.8	11.8	Srinagar	—	15.7	5.0
Jaipur	—	32.4	19.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.6	23.6
Kochi	—	32.2	25.4	Tiruchi	—	34.1	21.0
Kohima	—	20.0	8.5	Vijayawada	—	34.6	22.2
Kolkata	—	32.0	23.0	Visakhapatnam	—	32.0	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	..31	23	... 216	...191	
Bengaluru	...8	..98	57	 67	...107	
Chennai	.26	..28	42	... 173	...116	
Delhi	.11	104	51	... 373	...298	
Hyderabad	.16	9	95	... 131	...131	
Kolkata	...9	..38	70	 98	85	
Lucknow	.23	..71	47	... 223	...179	
Mumbai	.16	..55	78	... 326	...214	
Pune	..—	..27	63	... 133	...103	
Visakhapatnam	...6	..39	48	 65	97	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 424 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 31

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Karnataka High Court appreciates authorities

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The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday appreciated the authorities for acting in an efficient, citizen-friendly, and responsive manner for the grievance raised by a petitioner on functioning of the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) number – 112.

"We see no reason to issue any direction, for the operation or functioning of the ERSS as the authorities are periodically reviewing the functioning of the system besides increasing the capacity to handle the call loads with the command centre now equipped to receive 180 calls simultaneously," the court observed.

A Division Bench made these observations while disposing of a PIL petition filed by Arunkumar N.T.

The Bench also appreciated the initiative of the senior police officers, in charge of the ERSS command centre, who had invited the petitioner to visit the command centre and gave him an opportunity to understand functioning of the ERSS.

"Now, it is common knowledge that once any system is installed and made functional one can't expect 100% efficiency of the system as certain issues may crop up in the functioning of the system..., and experts in that system are supposed to update the system periodically. The measures to be taken to address the issues are best left to those persons having expertise in the field...." the Bench observed in response to the petitioner's suggestion on certain aspects about operation of the ERSS based on his visit. The Bench also appreciated the Suraksha mobile-based app facility provided by the authorities to enable the citizens to use their smartphone as a discreet personal safety device for use during emergency.

"In our opinion, the Surakasha app and its features are certainly an effective mode of providing necessary assistance to persons in distress, and care is also taken to make the system user-friendly, particularly for the physically challenged persons..." the Bench observed.

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Discipline, discussion

Parliament is the forum where the government is answerable to the people

On Monday, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar directed the Privileges Committee, headed by Deputy Chairman and JD(U) MP Harivansh, to investigate the "disorderly conduct" by 12 Opposition MPs that had led to multiple adjournments during the first leg of the Budget session. All through Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 85-minute address, the Opposition kept raising slogans, which Sansad TV that does the live telecast of the proceedings blacked out – the camera did not pan towards the Opposition benches. Earlier, acting on a complaint filed by a BJP MP, Mr. Dhankhar suspended Congress MP Rajani Patil for allegedly recording the proceedings on her mobile phone. The Congress cried foul that due procedure had not been followed and that she had not been served a notice giving her a chance to explain her position. Mr. Dhankhar interjected the speech of Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge's 88-minute speech during the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address several times. The Opposition has protested the Chair's repeated direction to "authenticate" remarks made during speeches. Mr. Kharge has pointed out that "it would be [an] inversion of the system of government if the opposition members are expected to carry out complete investigation, gather evidence and then raise the matter on the floor of the House".

Six portions of Mr. Kharge's speech were expunged from the Rajya Sabha records, while Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Lok Sabha speech got 18 cuts. Parliament is the platform where the Opposition has the responsibility to ask questions of the government, which the Council of Ministers has the responsibility to answer. There are parliamentary rules and norms that have evolved over time to achieve this objective. It will be a travesty of parliamentary democracy if the Opposition is penalised for seeking accountability from the government, which in turn is allowed to hide behind rules and obfuscate the issue. It is the government that is in custody of all the information, over which queries are raised in Parliament. The authenticity, or the lack of it, of any assumption that an MP may express in the House must be clarified by the government, which is its duty. It is a strange situation that the government has not responded to the serious allegations that it faces of protecting private business interests at the cost of public interest, while those who are raising the questions face suspension in the name of discipline. Parliamentary discipline must ensure that discussions take place, and the government provides the answers.

Waiting to rush

EPFO should expedite issuing guidelines with clarity on higher PF pension

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has not acquitted itself well by issuing a circular on higher PF pension at the fag end of the four-month period the Supreme Court had allowed in its November 2022 judgment. This time period was given to members of the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) of 1995 who were in service as on September 1, 2014 and whose employers had made PF contributions in excess of the statutory ceiling, which was ₹5,000 (up to May 31, 2001) and ₹6,500 (up to August 31, 2014). But, the EPFO took its own time. The Court, using 'discretionary powers', under Article 142 of the Constitution, had granted these members the four months, which it called a "further chance," as two opportunities had been provided in the 2014 amendment of the EPS. The Court's rationale was that it found uncertainty as regards the validity of the amendment (quashed by three High Courts), and that the authorities' interpretation of the cut-off date had come in the way of eligible employees exercising the option within a maximum period of one year (as stipulated in the amended scheme). Unfortunately, the latest circular is not comprehensive. Eligible employees would need additional circulars to be issued before they can make their decision. And, all this needs to be done on or before March 3 – the Court's deadline. A member's expression of consent involves their willingness to allow the transfer of money in the member's individual PF account, to the Pension Fund, which is a pooled fund. Such a decision cannot be taken in a hurry as such a transfer would mean hiving off a substantial portion of lifetime savings.

Besides, the number of prospective applicants is likely to be high, as the Court's judgment made it clear that the amended pension scheme would apply to employees of exempted establishments too – as in the case of regular establishments. Under such circumstances, a flood of submissions, online or offline, is inevitable, disrupting the normal workload of the PF authorities. The circular has also not taken into account factors in the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some employers, having suffered a severe fund crunch, have restricted their contributions to the statutory ceiling even though, till the outbreak of the pandemic, they had, like many others, been making their contributions in excess of the statutory ceiling. The EPFO has to shed light on how it will compute pension for such employees. It would not be out of place to suggest that the time period be extended. Nevertheless, with the EPFO having to comply with the Court order, it should expedite issuing all its guidelines with clear illustrations on higher PF pension.

India needs a Budget for its young

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The world is indeed looking up to the Indian economy as a 'bright star', as the Finance Minister noted in the Budget speech on February 1. In 2020, India accounted for 20.6% of the worldwide population of 15 to 29 year olds. Which means that in the years ahead, one out of every five workers deployed globally could be an Indian. No doubt, the rest of the world foresees a fortune in India's young population. But are our policymakers doing enough to realise the possibilities that are unfolding?

The key proposals in this year's Union budget are the following. On the one hand, there will be a considerable increase in capital expenditures, for the building of physical infrastructure, mainly in transport, energy and defence. The figures under this head are expected to be higher by ₹3.2 trillion (or lakh crore) in 2023-24 compared to the corresponding level in 2022-23 (revised estimates). While the growth of the tax revenues is going to be modest, the government is nevertheless committed to reducing the fiscal deficit – the shortfall in government's receipts relative to its expenditures – to 5.9% of GDP. That could have been achieved only by reducing the spending on some other sectors.

The axe has fallen on subsidies and social sector expenditures. Compared to its previous year, in 2023-24, the Union government's expenditure on food subsidy will fall by ₹0.9 trillion (or 90,000 crore), on fertilizer subsidy by ₹0.5 trillion, and on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) by ₹0.3 trillion. The marginal increases in the allocations on health, education, agriculture and the Angwandi scheme are unlikely to make an impact, after taking into account the effect of inflation.

Public-private complementarities

A jump in capital spending by the government, as proposed in the Budget, is a much-needed step to reinvigorate the Indian economy. Investment (for buying new machines and building roads and factories) as a proportion of income or GDP indicates the rate at which a country's productive capabilities are growing. In India, this proportion rose steadily during the mid-2000s and peaked at 42% in 2007, which was even better than China's record at that point in time. High rates of investment translated into extremely fast rates of economic progress in the country, which lasted until the early 2010s.

A boost in government expenditures to provide food security, health and education will only brighten the future for millions of India's youngsters

The disruptions and the uncertainty caused due to the global financial crisis in 2007-08 had been a turning point. China responded to the crisis by increasing domestic investment, a large part of which coming from its public sector. On the other hand, in India, the government restrained its expenditures, worrying about the rising fiscal deficits. As public expenditures nosedived, private investors lost confidence as well. Investment as a proportion of GDP was on a steady downward slide, falling to 33.8% in 2013-14 and 27.3% in 2020-21. If the proposed investments by the government come through, and they indeed crowd in private investments as the Finance Minister has predicted, that can set the stage for a revival of the Indian economy.

In contrast to capital expenditures, subsidies and social sector spending are considered 'wasteful' and, therefore, it is believed, a cut on their outlays will not hurt economic growth. Quite the contrary, a reduction in social expenditures not only worsens the existing social inequalities but can also dampen the prospects for long-term growth. Only 9.8% (in 2020-21) of India's workers are in regular jobs that provide some form of social security. Therefore, measures such as MGNREGA and free provision of food have been a clutch at straw for millions of poor Indians, hit as they have been by the COVID-19 pandemic and joblessness.

Invest in people, invest in the future

Public expenditures on the social sectors constitute an investment for the future – more so for a country with a predominantly young population. The income a destitute mother receives for work through MGNREGA may ensure that her children do not have to go to school with empty stomachs. Underinvestment in education and health will undercut India's chances in a global economy that is increasingly dominated by knowledge. In 2022, only 2.6% of the nearly 1.9 million candidates who wrote the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) in India for admission to undergraduate medical courses managed to secure a seat for MBBS in a government college. Every year, millions of young women and men in the country are denied the opportunity for affordable basic and higher education. At the same time, there is frustration among the educated that there are too few decent jobs for many of them. Government expenditure on health and education can provide a boost to both the supply and the demand fronts in a knowledge-driven economy: more new jobs as teachers and doctors, especially for women, and a greater supply of younger professionals and skilled workers.

Unwarranted fears about fiscal deficit

Inflated fears about the fiscal deficit and government debt will only be counterproductive in a country possessing vast reserves of untapped human and other resources as India does. Only a small portion of India's public debt is owed to external agencies (amounting to 4.2% of GDP in 2022), which does not pose a threat of the kind that external debt had created in Greece or is creating in Sri Lanka now. India's government debt is held largely by domestic financial institutions, including public sector banks, insurance companies and provident funds. In other words, this is a debt the government owes to the people of this country, whose savings the financial institutions have mobilised.

If the government is borrowing to build resources that help generate new jobs and incomes, it is in fact setting off a virtuous cycle. Higher incomes and higher levels of development will also lead to the creation of fresh savings, which will help pay off the debts. Many middle-class Indian families take loans for their children's education partly because they recognise that an educated child will open the door for upward mobility of the entire family. Would it not be so much better if the state borrows instead, to feed and educate all its young citizens? In this way, the children belonging to asset-poor and socially disadvantaged households too will get a chance to pick up the qualifications required to enter the new economy. No one will dispute that India will need a vast army of scientists, engineers and nurses to fulfil its global ambitions.

For a generation of young Indians, this is, without a doubt, a 'make or break moment'. In the absence of a significant climb in public spending to enhance human capabilities, there will be no hope for them. They will soon grow older, but could still be poor, less skilled and, quite possibly, discontented too. The proportion of the population in India aged 30 years and above will rise to 58.6% in 2040, up from 37.5% only in 2000. On the other hand, with a boost in government expenditures to provide food security, health and education, millions of India's youngsters could indeed aspire to grow into bright stars that illuminate the world.

Turn off the tap of urban bias in rural development

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The divide between the rural and the urban has grown due to an inherent urban bias among policymakers and institutions, including the government. This happens because groups in urban areas are able to effectively influence these institutions in their favour. Second, the spill-over from markets in urban areas is also limited to the rural areas that are closer to urban settlements. This is known as the spill-over effect where the development of rural areas is dependent on larger urban cores. Consequently, rural areas which are far away from the urban core not only suffer from a lack of development but also keep falling behind rural areas which are closer to the urban core. It is for this reason that the state must step in to correct the rural-urban disparity by having in place special and targeted measures to develop rural areas. The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), launched in August 2019, is one such project which aims to provide access to safe and adequate drinking water to all households in rural India by 2024.

Variations in Tamil Nadu

The provision of safe drinking water is an important non-food factor influencing health and nutrition. Besides enabling tap water access at the household level, it helps reduce the drudgery women and girl children have to face and ensures their safety as well. Ensuring the "availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all" is the sixth goal in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations to be achieved by 2030.

As it has been three years since its implementation at the all-India level, tracking its progress in Tamil Nadu is important; this analysis is specifically important as Tamil Nadu's progress was better than the other States during the first two quarters of 2022.

The case of providing tap water connections in Tamil Nadu is an example of this bias

The data for this study have been sourced from the dashboards of the website of the JJM (October 14, 2022) for the period between August 2019 and October 2022. As there was no mention of the total number of households as of August 2019 (when the JJM started), the data for October 2022 data have been used as the base.

The district-level data reveal wider variations in providing tap water connections to rural households among districts. For instance, a significant proportion of rural households in Kanchipuram (100%), Ranipet (98.73%), Kanniyakumari (83.99%), Vellore (80.89%), and Tiruchirappalli (78.55%) districts have tap water. Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Thanjavur and Dindigul districts have also made significant progress, where more than one lakh rural households got tap water connections in this period.

However, progress in Dharmapuri, Kallakurichi, Nagappatinam, Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar districts was not commensurate with progress in the others. In Dharmapuri and Kallakurichi districts, it was only 2,049 (from 15.77% to 16.37%) and 2,089 (from 42.26% to 42.95%) households, respectively, in the last three years. Ramanathapuram and Virudhanagar also added only around 9% in the last three years. Only 22.4% of 3,02,402 rural households in Ramanathapuram and 31.12% of 4,28,435 rural households in Virudhunagar had a tap water connection in October 2022. Most importantly, overall progress in Nagapattinam district was very low, reaching only 5.97% of households

Falling behind

The percentage of additional tap water connections in rural areas of a district provided by the government between 2019 and 2022 was found to be significantly associated with the percentage of the urban population in the districts concerned. When it comes to the total population of Tamil Nadu, its urban share is 48.4% as compared to 31.2% of India (Census 2011); but districts with low urban population percentages are lagging in the implementation of the JJM. For instance, among the five low performing districts, four districts have an urban population below 31%.

Similarly, among the 10 low performing districts, eight have an urban population below 38%. Of course, there are notable exceptions too. This kind of relationship between urban and rural regions has been found in other places of the world as well.

Left to itself, this may exacerbate the rural-urban disparity across regions and districts. In the case of Tamil Nadu, even the provisioning of tap water connections by the government seems to be impacted by the persistence of this kind of urban bias in rural development. Hence, the government must take additional measures to prioritise the implementation of the JJM scheme in districts with a high rural population such as Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram, Virudhanagar, Dharampuri, and Nagapattinam.

Otherwise, it is highly unlikely that the goal of reaching all rural households by 2024 or even 2030 will be reached if the State does not change its methods. The achievements in these districts will likely have a demonstration effect on other districts with a high rural population. This will not only help to correct urban bias but also meet the SDG goal with regard to tapping water connections by 2024. In addition to the data on tap water connections, the provision of additional details such as the volume of water being supplied per day to each household as well as its quality will help in understanding the rate of progress better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Upholding transparency

The Supreme Court of India's 'no' to sealed cover jurisprudence in the Adani case shows its awareness that 'sealed cover' contents threaten the very credibility of the judiciary. It is encouraging to find the emphasis on transparency in cases of public interest. The ruling dispensation appears to be misusing the 'sealed cover' route to winning challenging and controversial issues, all under the pretext of 'national security'. By sending across documents in a 'sealed cover', the government indirectly compels the higher judiciary to accept its version in cases where it is challenged, and where it is unable to furnish a reasonable reply. It must be noted that 'sealed cover' documents have been received by the top court in controversial cases that include the Rafale deal, the Ayodhya title dispute and Gujarat police fake encounters ('Text & Context' page, February 20).

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The Court's refusal to accept the 'sealed cover' offer has boosted the credibility of the judiciary while also exposing the intentions of the government. Having 'rewarded' some Justices with high posts after their retirement, was the government expecting the judiciary to comply with its 'directions'?

Incidentally, there is a cooling off period for retirees of government and public sector jobs before they accept other jobs. This should apply to members of the judiciary.

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Telangana Governor's take

The statement by the Telangana Governor, Dr. Tamilisai Soundarrajan ("When the people failed us, PM saw our talent, made us Governors" (Inside pages, February 21), is unacceptable and self-centered. If the Governor is trying to say that those in public service need rewards and compensation, then what about the sacrifice of the martyrs who laid down their lives for freedom without anything in return? Many in the old Congress never got any post, gubernatorial or otherwise, despite their contributions during the freedom struggle and later. The Governor's take is not in consonance with what one expects from those in political and public service. The position bestowed is incidental.

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Hampering road safety

It was not surprising to read the findings in the report, "Two-wheeler riders most vulnerable to fatal road accidents, says study" (Chennai, February 21). Most two-wheeler riders do not follow lane discipline and jump lanes without any indication, causing much anxiety for four-wheeler drivers. Many two-wheelers can be seen with an entire family, without any helmets, perched on them. Many riders are found driving on the wrong side of a road. Two-wheeler riders can be found driving close to the blind spots that cars and other four-wheelers have, 'sticking' very close to a bus or car, and also driving at high speeds, oblivious of the need to factor in time and distance when it comes to applying brakes.

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A new chapter in defence and tech

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Earlier this month, the U.S. and India inaugurated their initiative on critical and emerging technologies (ICET). The promise of this initiative, if fulfilled, could have a transformative impact on India-U.S. relations.

Since the 1960s, India has made many attempts to jump on the U.S. technology bandwagon. But all of them have failed, primarily because of the mismatch between the two countries on the purposes for which they collaborated. The ICET is perhaps better positioned. Unlike the earlier iterations, it comes at a time when India, too, has developed technological and managerial capacities and is emerging as a major economic power. Under ICET, the two sides have identified six focus areas of co-development and co-production: strengthening innovation ecosystems, defence innovation and technology cooperation, resilient semiconductor supply chains, space, STEM talent, and next generation telecom.

On the eve of the dialogue, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval said that the big need was to convert intentions and ideas into deliverables. This is where there has usually been a slip.

American aid

Since the 1950s, the U.S. has played a significant role in India's development efforts and quest for technological capability. A major driver of the process was the Cold War which persuaded the U.S. to provide sweeping assistance in a range of areas to India. While the Soviet Union emerged as a major player in areas like steel, heavy electricals, petroleum and mining, the U.S. focused on modernising engineering and management education, science and technology (S&T), and agriculture.

Among the more consequential areas of cooperation was in nuclear energy where the U.S. helped build India's first reactors for research and power. An entire generation of Indian nuclear scientists were trained in the U.S., including some who subsequently helped in making nuclear weapons. But this cooperation was abruptly ended after India's first nuclear test in 1974. The same could be said, though in a somewhat different manner, for India's space programme.

The massive aid provided by the U.S. to modernise Indian education, especially engineering and management, should have led to a growing industrial sector, but the Indian economy stalled in the 1960s and India ended up with a system where IIT and IIM graduates ended up benefiting the U.S. economy. The one area in which India did get lasting and important benefits was agriculture where American S&T helped trigger the Green Revolution and end an era of food shortages.

The Bangladesh War of 1971 and the 1974 nuclear tests led to a three-decade estrangement and a draconian American technology denial regime whose prime target was India, all in the name of non-proliferation.

There was a brief respite when, following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Gandhi-Reagan Science and Technology Initiative led to the 1984 India-U.S. MoU on sensitive technologies, commodities and information. This was the outcome of a new American willingness to promote Indian S&T and the arms industry. In 1987, the U.S. agreed to assist India's Light Combat Aircraft (Tejas) programme and allowed the sale of front line GE 404 engine to India. However, broader cooperation stalled because the U.S. was unwilling to let go of its non-proliferation agenda.

After the Soviet collapse, the U.S. pushed for the unconditional extension of the non-proliferation treaty and began to arm-twist countries to sign a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. At this stage, India realised that there was no option but to come out as a declared nuclear weapons power.

There was another round of sanctions after the 1998 nuclear tests, but by this time the U.S. had begun to get a measure of the challenge it was facing from China. It now decided to play the India card, but to do this, there was need to spit out the nuclear proliferation pill stuck in our joint throats. This is what was done with the India-U.S. nuclear deal of 2008, which is the basis of our current engagement with the U.S.

But despite India's growing proximity to the U.S. since then, there has not been significant movement in actual deliverables by way of technology development and co-production. The much-touted Defence Technology and Trade Initiative has little to show for it.

India has steadily advanced in status as a friend of the U.S. and has purchased U.S. weapons and systems worth billions of dollars. It is now deemed to be a Major Defence Partner, though not a Major Non-Nato Ally, a much more useful designation that Pakistan still retains. The course has not been problem-free – witness the pressure India faced under CAATSA and on account of its oil trade with Russia.

Ambitious goals

The ICET has set up a range of ambitious goals which mean a great deal for India. Some of them are aspirational, others political. A few are over the top, such as the belief that the U.S. will help India to develop advanced jet engines. As of now, all that is on the table is the possible licence manufacture of GE-404/414 engines for the LCA. This is not new. But cutting edge jet engines are the crown jewels of the U.S., which the country will not part with. A similar approach will be taken in other areas where the U.S. jealously guards its technological prowess, knowing that it is a major component of its global power status.

After presenting the Union Budget, the Finance Minister said in an interview, "This is a golden opportunity for India. We should really not miss the bus this time." The remark is truer of the technology and industrialisation bus that the ICET could be.

The India-U.S. initiative on critical and emerging technologies could have a transformative impact on bilateral relations

The Nana Patole conundrum

The State Congress chief has alienated senior leaders and derailed relations with allies

STATE OF PLAY

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When Nana Patole, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) 'import' into the Congress, took over as Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee chief in 2021, he had raised hopes of galvanising the party rank and file. Known for his aggressive style and as a vociferous opponent of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies, Mr. Patole resigned from the Lok Sabha and BJP membership in December 2017 while still a sitting MP of the Bhandara-Gondiya constituency.

Mr. Patole, who had trounced Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) heavyweight Praful Patel in the 2014 general election, attributed his resignation later to the BJP's anti-farmer attitude, the demonetisation move, and the imposition of GST. In 2018, he joined the Congress and was made chairman of the party's Kisan Khet Mazdoor cell. After the Congress allied with the Shiv Sena and the NCP to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in late 2019, Mr. Patole was given the post of Speaker. He quit the post in early 2021 to take over as the State Congress chief.

Initially, Mr. Patole's blunt talk against the NCP was welcomed by younger Congress MLAs and the cadre given that many legislators were upset with the NCP's 'dominance' within the MVA and the lack of a strong Congress leadership to counter the expansionist aspirations of the NCP.

The Maharashtra Congress has been bedevilled by a leadership crisis since 2016 when Ashok Chavan was State Congress chief. Its disastrous performance in the 2019 general elections led Mr. Chavan to resign his post. Likewise, Balasaheb Thorat, who succeeded Mr. Chavan, proved to be an ineffectual party-builder. In contrast, Mr. Patole seemed a fresh breath of air.

But on taking over as Congress chief, Mr. Patole's frequent refrain that the Congress will 'go it alone' in future polls vexed the MVA's coalition allies as well as sections within his party. Since then, NCP leaders have tended to disparage Mr. Patole as a "loose cannon". Some have even mocked him as "Maharashtra's Sidhu."

The trust deficit within the MVA parties only widened at the Congress's 'Chintan Shivir' in 2022 where Mr. Patole submitted complaints to the party high command pertaining to the NCP's "consistent betrayal" of the Congress and its alleged efforts to undermine the party in Maharashtra.

Mr. Patole then rebuked former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's Sena for drawing up the three-ward system for the civic polls without allegedly consulting the Congress. Without naming either party, he censured the "opportunism" of the Sena and the NCP by hinting that the three-ward arrangement was designed to benefit only these parties in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation election.

Mr. Patole's erratic comments against his allies have not stopped even after the fall of the MVA in June 2022. His behaviour has alienated Congress old-timers. Early this month, when Mr. Thorat resigned from his post as Congress Legislature Party leader, he wrote a strongly worded letter to the party high command in which he spoke of serious differences with Mr. Patole (without naming him). Mr. Thorat reportedly alleged that he was being "humiliated" by Mr. Patole during party meetings and stated that it was "impossible" to work with the MPCC chief. His nephew Satyajit Tambe also hit out at Mr. Patole alleging that the MPCC chief was trying to defame the Tambe and Thorat families.

However, last week, Mr. Patole said that there was no rift between him and Mr. Thorat, even claiming that the latter had not resigned and had submitted no such letter. At a press conference following a crucial meeting of the State Congress Working Committee on February 15, a self-assured Mr. Patole, flanked by a tired-looking Mr. Thorat, said "all is well" in the Maharashtra Congress and blamed the BJP for creating the impression that the State unit was "a divided entity." Senior Congressmen say that despite this "closure" of the Thorat affair, Mr. Patole cannot afford to alienate leaders who have been holding key constituencies for decades, given that the party is fast losing its erstwhile strongholds in Maharashtra. They allege that Mr. Patole has been trying to create a coterie of his own and run the party by taking decisions unilaterally.

While a number of senior leaders have rallied behind Mr. Patole in the larger interest of party unity, the upcoming Assembly bypolls and civic polls will be a litmus test of whether the State Congress chief's leadership can help the party regain its lost political ground in Maharashtra.

India's shift from cheques to credit transfers sharpest among peers

Cashless payments got a fillip post the pandemic outbreak

DATA POINT

Vignesh Radhakrishnan

On Tuesday, the cross-border connectivity between India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Singapore's PayNow was launched. UPI is a popular mobile payment service which allows instant credit transfer from one bank account to another in India, while PayNow is its Singaporean equivalent. With the linkage, cross-border transfers between the two countries have become faster and cheaper.

The linkage marks a significant moment in India's digital transactions journey. The value of cashless transactions, which was increasing at a healthy pace before the pandemic, got a fillip post the COVID-19 outbreak. According to data from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the total value of cashless payments was around $3 trillion by 2012. It doubled to $6 trillion by 2019 and jumped to $7 trillion by 2021 **(Chart 1)**. Cashless payments as a percentage of GDP increased from 135% in 2012 to 193% in 2019 and to 209% by 2021.

India is not alone in this progress. According to a recent brief published in BIS, the volume of cashless payments increased sharply by 34% in 2021 across emerging markets and developing economies including India and the value of such transactions increased by 15%.

Digital credit transfers, which include UPIs, RTGS, NEFT and IMPS, were a major reason for the surge in digital payments in India **(Chart 2)**. Digital credit transfers formed about 20% of cashless payments by 2012. They increased to 70% in 2019 and further to 78% by 2021. Cheques, a famous form of cashless payment in India, are on their way out in the country.

The substitution of cheques with credit transfers was felt across most countries, though the drop in India was the sharpest **(Chart 3)**. The chart shows the share of cheques in cashless payments across 14 countries over time. India's drastic drop in the share of cheques in cashless payments (73% in 2012 to 13% in 2021) was the steepest among the countries. For instance, in Singapore, in the same period, the share reduced from around 62% to 32%. In other nations such as Canada and the U.S., the decline was less sharp compared to India's.

This shows that India's transition to credit transfers from cheques as a preferred mode of cashless payment was quicker than in many other countries. **Chart 4** brings out this point further. It shows cheques and credit transfers as a share of cashless payments for select countries in 2021. India's cheque:credit transfer ratio in cashless payments was around 15:80 in 2021, while that of the U.S. was 20:48 and that of Singapore was 32:52. However, countries such as Italy, Japan, France, Mexico and South Africa already had a very high share of credit transfers in their cashless payments, as their cheque penetration was lower to start with.

Credit, debit cards and e-money are other growing cashless systems in India. **Chart 5** shows the share of credit, debit and e-money payments as a percentage of cashless payments (not including cheque or credit transfers). The share of e-money has grown significantly though the usage of credit and debit cards continue to dominate.

Notably, while the number of Point-of-Sale (PoS) terminals have grown in India, the growth is still low compared to other BRICS countries **(Chart 6)**. The chart shows PoS terminals per inhabitant in BRICS countries over time. While India's number is lowest among the five, Brazil's figures have increased significantly in the past few years.

Digital economy
The charts and tables are based on data sourced from the Bank for International Settlements, and a brief titled "Digital payments make gains but cash remains" published by BIS in January 2023

Chart 1: The total value of cashless payments in India in $ trillion (left-axis) and the value of cashless payments as a share of India's GDP (right-axis)

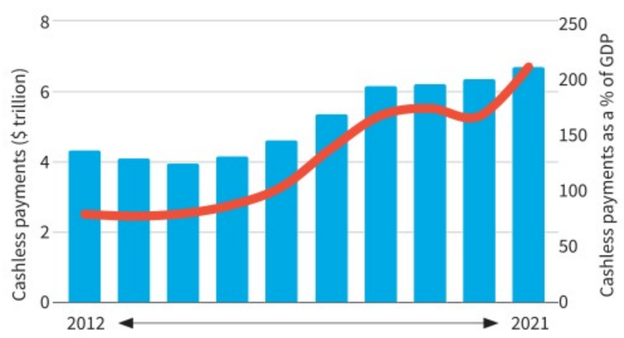


Chart 2: The chart shows the value of payments done using cheques, credit transfers and other systems as a share of the total value of cashless payments in India

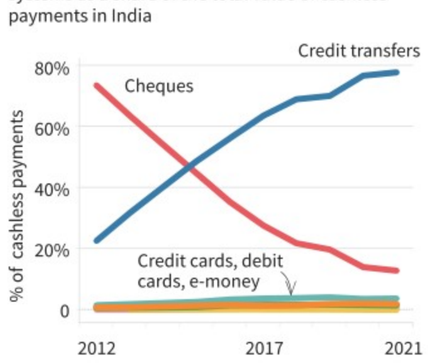


Chart 3 The chart shows the share of cheques in cashless payments across 14 countries including India over time

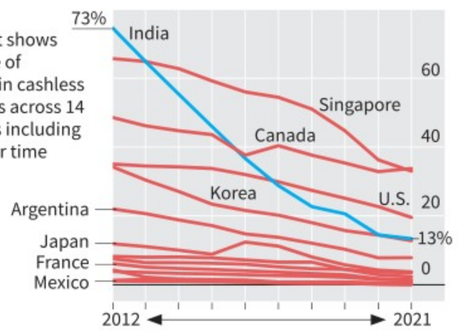
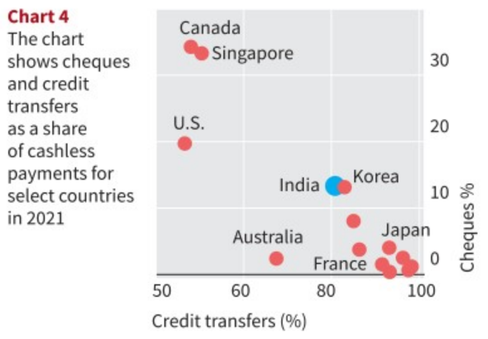


Chart 4 The chart shows cheques and credit transfers as a share of cashless payments for select countries in 2021



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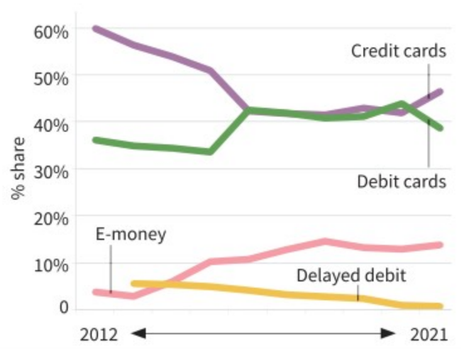
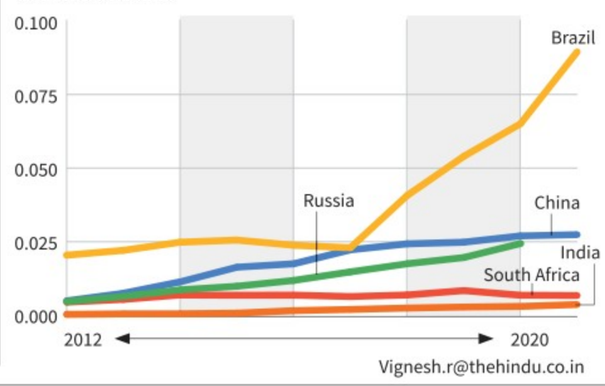


Chart 6: The chart shows PoS terminals per inhabitant in BRICS countries over time



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FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 22, 1973

Australian allows deported Indian girl to return

Sydney, Feb. 21: The new Australian immigration rules, eliminating racial bars and ending favouritism toward Britons are being implemented dramatically. About eight years ago, Australia deported a five-year-old girl of Indian descent because of her race. The case which was hotly debated at the time and went through lengthy litigation till the Supreme Court ruled against the child had been cited as an extreme instance of the so-called "white Australia" policy. Nancy Prasad, now 14 and going to school in the Fiji islands, is expected back soon as one of the first beneficiaries of a recent decision eliminating skin colour as a factor in the admission of prospective new settlers. Mr. A.J. Grassby, the Spanish-Irish Immigration Minister in Prime Minister Gough Whitlam's new Labour Government, was confronted with the still simmering Prasad case on a television panel show recently. He promised that an application for the girl to return would be received favourably. "If she is still as nice as she was when we deported her when she was 5, I'll be delighted to welcome her back," Grassby said.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 22, 1923

Luxor discovery

Luxor, Feb. 20: Tutankhamen's dust will not be disturbed this season. The inner chamber will probably be screened off at the end of the week and the debris piled at the entrance to the tombshaft as the most effective protection against theft. A police guard will remain throughout summer. Meanwhile excavators will devote themselves to Laboratory work until the season is over.

London, Feb. 21: In the House of Commons, Sir II Brittain suggested today that when archaeology, science and art had been duly satisfied from the recent discoveries at Luxor, Government should if necessary use its influence to suggest that the body of Tutankhamen should be allowed to remain in what he desired to be its last resting place. Mr. Meneill (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) said that Government did not desire to intervene in a manner in which decision properly rested with the Egyptian Government. (Cheers)

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SC to hear Uddhav's plea against EC order today

It also ignored the results of the intra-party polls, following which Mr. Thackeray was made leader, he added. The election commission had refused to recognise the Party Constitution as "sacrosanct", even termed it an instrument of "fiefdom" and allowed Mr. Shinde to take over the leadership of the party. Thus, a constitutional authority has undermined the very principles of inner-party democracy, Mr. Thackeray argued.

It said the EC ignored the fact that Mr. Thackeray "enjoyed the overwhelming support in the rank and file of the party". He had the support of 160 members out of approximately 200-odd members in the *Pratinidhi Sabha*, which is the apex representative body representing the wishes of the stakeholders of the party.

More damaging, Mr. Thackeray said, was the effect of the EC order in validating a "split" in a political party. This would only encourage legislators in the future to split from the original party without the fear of having to face disqualification proceedings under the Tenth Schedule.

India, Singapore link payment services

The linkage is set to ease financial transactions for the Indian diaspora.

Singapore is the first country with which cross-border Person to Person (P2P) payment facilities have been launched.

"This will help the Indian diaspora in Singapore, especially migrant workers/students, and bring the benefits of digitalisation and FINTECH to the common man through instantaneous and low-cost transfer of money from Singapore to India and vice-versa," the Ministry of External Affairs said.

"Delighted to launch the linkage between PayNow and India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with PM Narendra Modi today. Congratulations to the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Reserve Bank of India and all the stakeholders in Singapore and India who have helped make the linkage a reality," Lee Hsien Loong said at the event.

Hizbul 'commander' killed in Pakistan

He and Ghulam Nabi Khan alias Aamir Khan were was considered close to Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin. Peer was in charge of sending fresh recruits into Kashmir by identifying infiltration routes and providing logistics.

Mr. Salahuddin, who also heads the United Jihad Council (UJC), has not commented on the killing of Peer in Pakistan.

Peer alias Haji belonged to Babarpora area in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. He has been active since 2000 and shifted to Pakistan after his brother's death in Kupwara.

The Centre had said he had a Pakistan's Computerised National Identity Card.

NIA conducts searches to investigate nexus between gangsters, terrorists

Officials from the agency went to 76 locations in seven States; several persons, including some kabaddi players, have been booked for their alleged involvement in terror and criminal activities such as targeted killings and extortion

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday searched 76 locations in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Delhi to "dismantle the nexus between terrorists, gangsters, drug smugglers and traffickers based in India and abroad".

The agency said it had registered three separate cases since August 2022 to probe the nexus. The NIA said several persons, including some kabaddi players, have been identified and booked for their alleged involvement in terror and other criminal activities such as targeted killings and extortion of leading businessmen and professionals.

Strict watch: Haryana Police personnel and NIA officials during a search at the residence of a suspect in Gurugram. PTI

"Incidentally, the investigations have revealed that conspiracies for several such crimes, including the sensational killing of Maharashtra builder, Sanjay Biyani, and Sandeep Nangal Ambia, an international kabaddi organiser, in Punjab last year, were being hatched in jails of different States and were being executed by an organised network of operatives based abroad," an NIA statement said.

The agency said ₹2.3 crore has been recovered. "A few of the most desperate gang leaders and their associates based in India and abroad were booked," the NIA said.

This was the fifth round of raids and searches as part of the NIA crackdown on top gangsters, and their criminal and business associates in Punjab, Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan and arms suppliers based in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Delhi. The associates involved in hawala network were also targeted in Tuesday's raids.

The NIA said it searched locations in Abohar, Bhatinda, Muktsar Sahab, Moga, Ludhiana, Mohali, Ferozpur, Tarn Taran and Ludhiana districts in Punjab; Gurugram, Yamuna Nagar, Rohtak, Mahendragarh, Sirsa and Jhajjar districts in Haryana; Churu, Bharatpur and Alwar districts in Rajasthan; Baghpat, Bareilly, Pratapgarh, Bulandshahr and Pilibhit districts in Uttar Pradesh; and Dwarka, Outer North, Central and Outer North districts of Delhi.

"Searches were conducted at the houses/premises of Lakhvir Singh of Gidderbaha at Muktsar, Naresh at Abohar, Surender alias Cheeku of Narnaul in Haryana, Kaushal Choudhary and Amit Dagar of Gurugram and Sunil Rathi of Bagpat, U.P.," it said. The agency added that the houses of hawala operatives, weapon suppliers, business associates, financiers and those who provided logistics were also searched. During the search, 11 pistols, revolvers, rifles and "incriminating" documents, digital devices and cash were seized. The NIA said that further investigations would continue to dismantle such terror networks as well as their funding and support infrastructure.

SC tries its hand on live transcription of day's events

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday introduced on an experimental basis the live transcription of its proceedings, literally taking a major step towards becoming truly a "court of record" for posterity to watch and learn court craft.

The virtual screen live-streaming a Constitution Bench hearing of the Thackeray-Shinde dispute had a separate screen showing the arguments and comments made during the hearing.

"At least in the Constitution Bench matter, we will have a permanent record of the arguments. Of course, it will help the lawyers, but it will also help our law colleges. They can analyse how matters were argued, what was submitted... It is a huge resource," Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said.

Australia to host its first Malabar naval drill this August

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Australia will host the Malabar multilateral naval exercise, consisting of India, Australia, Japan and the U.S., for the first time this year.

The high tempo of bilateral engagement between the two countries will continue with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong scheduled to visit India early March during which officials said some major defence initiatives could be announced.

"Malabar 2023 is scheduled to be held in August and Australia will host this edition," an official source confirmed. "The exercise is likely to be held in Perth. However, a final decision is yet to be taken as the modalities are still being finalised," two officials independently stated.

Ms. Wong is scheduled to attend the G-20 Foreign Ministers meeting on March 1 and 2 and Mr. Albanese is scheduled to visit India on March 8 on a bilateral visit. The visit comes months after the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement came into force. The visit comes months after the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement came into force.

The Quad Foreign Ministers are scheduled to hold a meeting a day after the G-20 meeting. Australia is scheduled to host the Quad summit later this year.

Home Ministry asks States to relieve IPS officers for Central deputation

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Officers who fail to join within a month will be debarred from Central deputation for five years

The Union Home Ministry has written to the States to nominate an adequate number of Indian Police Service (IPS) officers for Central deputation.

The Ministry expressed concern that the State governments were either withdrawing the names of selected officers or not relieving them for taking up an assignment with the Central government that resulted in considerable delay in the placement of the officers at the Centre and adversely impacted the entire process of "selection, deputation and cadre management".

The Ministry cautioned that the officers selected who fail to join within a month would be debarred from Central deputation for five years. "If any officer, on being selected, does not join within one month of issue of his/her appointment order, either on account of personal disinclination or on refusal by the State Government concerned to relieve the officer", he or she would be debarred for five years, the Ministry said. The debar policy is in existence for decades.

220 vacancies

As on February 6, there were 220 vacancies for IPS officers from the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP) to Director-General of Police in 17 Central organisations such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

IPS officers are recruited by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on behalf of the Centre and their services are placed under various State cadres. As per norms, at least 40% of senior duty posts in each State cadre are earmarked as Central Deputation Reserve (CDR) posts. The concurrence of officers is also required for Central deputation.

"The CDR of each IPS cadre determines the extent to which the number of officers could be sent on deputation to the Government of India. However, it has been the experience that the offer list of some States do not contain sufficient number of names vis-a-vis CDR utilisation," the Ministry said.

The Home Ministry said it was observed that even though a few IPS officers had submitted their applications/nominations on the online portal for approval of the competent authority, the same were not being processed or forwarded by the cadre controlling authority or the State governments. It said a conscious attempt should be made by the State governments to forward the names of officers for deputation under the Government of India so that "every eligible officer gets an opportunity to serve at the Centre at least once".

'U.K. firms should be part of India's growth story'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

U.K. companies should become part of India's growth story and participate in co-development and co-production in India, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh conveyed to his British counterpart, Ben Wallace, on Tuesday as they discussed ways to enhance defence industrial cooperation.

"The conversation was cordial, positive and focused on future growth of the bilateral defence relationship. Both Ministers discussed a wide range of defence and security issues, including regional developments and the Indo-Pacific," the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Stating that the Ministers, during the telephone conversation, briefly reviewed the ongoing defence cooperation and expressed satisfaction at their bilateral military-to-military engagements, the Ministry said they also discussed ways to "enhance defence industrial cooperation and identified a few potential areas of cooperation".

Attempt on to shape an extremist idea of India, PM: Jaishankar

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The recent spate of criticism of the Modi government in the Western media and civil society, which included a two-part documentary by the BBC on the 2002 Gujarat riots and Narendra Modi's tenure as Prime Minister, is "politics by other means", External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Tuesday.

S. Jaishankar

Speaking to news agency *Asian News International*, Mr. Jaishankar said non-governmental organisations and media outfits critical of the Modi government were not focusing on episodes such as the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. "We are not debating just a documentary or a speech somebody gave in a European city or a newspaper edit somewhere. We are debating politics which is being conducted ostensibly as media... there is a phrase war by other means, there is also politics by other means," he said.

He said that for a decade, a "drip, drip, drip" campaign has been going on to "shape an extremist image of India, of the government and the Prime Minister". He hinted that there was a link between the internal politics of India and the recent criticism of Mr. Modi that came through Western TV channels and activist investors like George Soros. Mr. Soros, last week, said the crash of share prices of Adani Group companies would lead to a "democratic upsurge" in India.

Mr. Jaishankar said, "This is a globalised world. People take their politics abroad. Politics of India does not stop at its borders. Sometimes, politics of India doesn't even originate in its borders – it comes from outside. Ideas come from outside, agendas come from outside. Otherwise please tell me why suddenly there is a surge of reports and views?"

Ahead of UNGA resolution on Russian war, France lobbies New Delhi for vote

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

France is in talks to convince India to shift its position on the Russian war in Ukraine a year into the conflict, urging the Narendra Modi-led government to vote for a United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolution due to be tabled this week that will call for a cessation of hostilities, according to diplomatic sources. Thus far, New Delhi has refused to vote for any resolution that is critical of the war, either at the UNGA or at the UN Security Council when India was a member last year.

At an emergency session beginning on Wednesday, all eyes will be on how each of the 193 countries in the UNGA vote on the resolution that calls for talks to be held between Russia and Ukraine, and for a "lasting peace". In October 2022, 143 UNGA members had voted to condemn Russia's annexation of Ukrainian territories. Five countries, including Russia, voted against the resolution. India was among the 35 countries that abstained from the vote.

The UN logo outside its headquarters in New York.

"We know that India is not very likely to join one side or another. It's always a question of balance," the sources said in response to a question from *The Hindu*. However, the sources conceded that India's stand is "most likely" to be another abstention.

The sources said that France and the European Union continue to hope that India will "use its links" with the Russian government to convince Russian President Vladimir Putin to end the war in Ukraine. In the last few weeks, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval visited Washington, London and Moscow in quick succession, meeting the top leaders in each capital, including Mr. Putin. However, the government has not divulged details of their conversations on the conflict, with an official statement saying only that Mr. Doval and Mr. Putin held "wide-ranging discussions on bilateral and regional issues".

Third country sanctions

Meanwhile, the sources said that the European Union's 10th round of sanctions, which were announced last week and are being put into place on the one-year anniversary of the war on Friday, will be the most far-reaching sanctions yet. According to the EU's announcement, "third country entities" will be added for the first time, starting with sanctions on Iran for providing Russia with drones. They said that EU officials are also studying whether to impose restrictions on those countries who "illegally" seek to defy the EU's sanctions.

On Tuesday, Mr. Putin accused the U.S. and European countries of trying to involve other countries in the war, and turn it into a confrontation against Russia.

Nitish Kumar loses cool at farmer for speaking in English

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday lost his cool at a participant of an agriculture event for speaking in English.

A list of successful farmers was prepared by the government for the fourth agriculture road map and consultation programme and they were asked to share their experience with the dignitaries, including Mr. Nitish Kumar, Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav and Agriculture Minister Kumar Sarvjeet.

Amit Kumar, a farmer from Lakhisarai district, came on the dais and welcomed everyone by saying, "A very good afternoon to everyone present over here. I would like to thank Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for his visionary politics. Because of him, I have reached so far."

He continued speaking both in English and Hindi about mushroom farming and its benefits, apart from sharing suggestions on better farming. Roughly four minutes into the speech, the Chief Minister interrupted saying, "What is this? Don't you know this is Bihar? Whatever you are speaking, you are using English words. Is this England? This is Bharat and you are in Bihar." Mr. Amit apologised to the Chief Minister and continued the rest of his speech in Hindi.

APPEAL

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Rivana

PM cheated people on Naga political issue: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
DIMAPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi cheated the people of Nagaland on the vexed 'Naga political issue' by not giving shape to a 2015 agreement and extending the contentious Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) after the Oting massacre, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Monday.

Addressing a poll meet for Nagaland unit chief K. Therie, he said the Centre "does not have the political will" to put the agreed solutions into effect.

Navlakha had links with Pakistani ISI agent: NIA

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has alleged that activist Gautam Navlakha, arrested in the 2018 Bhima Koregaon caste violence case, had connections with a Pakistani Inter Services Intelligence agent arrested in the U.S.

The NIA filed an affidavit on Monday before a Division Bench in a bail application filed by Mr. Navlakha.

Questioned on I-T survey, U.K. govt. strongly defends BBC

'We stand up for the BBC, we fund the BBC, we think the BBC World Service is vitally important,' Parliamentary Undersecretary of State says in response to questions by MPs in House of Commons

Sriram Lakshman

The U.K. government was questioned by MPs in the House of Commons on its response to the income tax (IT) raids on the BBC offices in New Delhi and Mumbai last week.

Tory MP David Rutley, who is the Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for the U.K. Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, took questions on the raid and freedom of expression in India, from members representing a cross section of Opposition parties as well as his own, for just under 20 minutes on Tuesday. Mr. Rutley strongly defended the BBC.

"We stand up for the BBC, we fund the BBC, we think the BBC World Service is vitally important," Mr. Rutley said, adding that the U.K. government wanted the BBC to have the editorial freedom and noting that the BBC criticises the Conservative Party and the Labour Party.

"It has that freedom which we believe is vitally important and that freedom is key. We want to be able to communicate the importance of that with our colleagues ... our friends across the world, including the government in India," he said.

"Let's be very clear: this was a deliberate act of intimidation following the release of an unflattering documentary about the country's leader," said Jim Shannon, of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), as he kicked off the debate with an 'Urgent Question'.

Under scanner: Security personnel outside the BBC office in New Delhi where income tax officials conducted a survey. FILE PHOTO

The BBC's offices were raided weeks after the channel released a two-part documentary, *India: The Modi Question*, which was deeply critical of then Chief Minister Narendra Modi's role in the 2002 Gujarat riots and the BJP's relationship with India's Muslims.

"... Media freedom and freedom of speech are essential elements for robust democracies," Mr. Rutley said, declining to comment on the specifics of last week's tax raid. He acknowledged that the issues being faced by NGOs and faith-based organisations in India (raised in the question) was an important one. Conservative MP Julian Lewis characterised the raid as "extremely worrying".

Labour MP Fabian Hamilton said India was "rightly proud" of its place as the world's largest democracy, but called the raids "deeply worrying" regardless of the "official narrative" of why they occurred. He asked what steps were being taken to protect the BBC World Service from intimidation and what discussions Mr. Rutley (the U.K. government) had had with the BBC and with his Indian counterpart on the welfare of the BBC staff.

"On this side of the House, we're particularly worried about reports that suggest the BBC staff had been forced to stay in their offices overnight and have faced lengthy questioning," he said.

"In any democracy the media must have the ability to criticise and scrutinise political leaders without fear of repercussions, and that clearly applies in this situation," he added.

Mr. Rutley said the U.K. and India had a "broad and deep relationship" and that this particular issue had been raised with the government in the context of the larger set of issues that the U.K. and India discuss. The British government was continuing to monitor the situation, as per Mr. Rutley, who said the BBC was supporting its staff and that consular support was also available to them, if requested.

"The SNP [Scottish National Party] absolutely condemns this alarming attack on the BBC offices in New Delhi and Mumbai," MP Drew Hendry said. He also raised the (2017) arrest of Scottish man Jagtar Singh Johal in Punjab.

At one point in the debate, Liberal Democrat MP Jamie Stone asked if the British government would consider working with the United States and other democracies to "put pressure" on India and call out "this completely unacceptable behaviour".

Mr. Rutley did not answer the question, saying instead that he could not comment on the specifics of the allegations and the investigations.

Eknath Shinde to continue as Shiv Sena's chief leader

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena on Tuesday held its first national executive meeting during which a resolution seeking the country's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, for Hindutva idealogue and freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was passed.

Eknath Shinde

"Member of Parliament (Mumbai North East) Gajanan Kirtikar proposed Bharat Ratna (posthumously) to V.D. Savarkar. Other leaders have supported it and a resolution was passed," State Industries Minister Uday Samant said.

He said the meeting was chaired by Mr. Shinde, who continues to remain their Mukhya Neta (chief leader).

Last week, the Election Commission of India recognised the Shinde faction as the real Shiv Sena, and allotted it the poll symbol of the party, the bow and arrow.

Mr. Samant said that another resolution discussed at the meeting was renaming the Western Railway's Churchgate Railway Station after former Union Minister Chintaman Rao Deshmukh.

He also said that a disciplinary committee headed by Minister Dada Bhuse, Minister Shambhuraj Shivajirao Desai and Sena leader Sanjay More as members was constituted. "It will ensure the smooth functioning of the party and will take action against Sena leaders who act against the party lines," Mr. Samant said.

Other important resolutions passed at the meeting include 80% of jobs to local youth in all projects, coaching for competitive examinations to students in rural areas, and inclusion of Sambhaji Maharaj, Veermata Jijabai and Ahilyabai Holkar in the list of "national personalities".

Parliamentary office

The parliamentary office of the Shiv Sena has been allotted to the Eknath Shinde faction. In reply to a letter by Rahul Shewale, the Shinde faction's floor leader in the Lower House, the Lok Sabha Secretariat said that the designated room for the Shiv Sena office in Parliament building (room no. 128) has been allotted to the party.

Appointment of Shinde flawed, says Uddhav

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said in the Supreme Court on Tuesday that the Governor had sworn in Eknath Shinde as Chief Minister fully knowing that he was facing disqualification proceedings under the anti-defection law.

"Can a Governor swear in an MLA against whom a disqualification proceeding is pending before the House? The issue has never come up before," senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the Thackeray faction, submitted.

Mr. Sibal said that a wrong inference had been made that there was a "split" in the Shiv Sena just because some legislators who formed the Shinde faction did not agree with the leadership.

He said a particular judicial order of the Supreme Court on June 27 had led to events that culminated in the formation of the Shinde government. The court had allowed Mr. Shinde and his 15 supporting legislators time till July 12, 2023, to respond to a disqualification notice under the Tenth Schedule.

"Nothing in the Tenth Schedule should be interpreted to somehow legalise defection. Attempt by the court and the House should be to allow an elected government to function," Mr. Sibal submitted.

Wikipedia flags entries on Adani Group

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

For more than a decade, "sockpuppets" created "puffery" around tycoon Gautam Adani, his family, and the group he helmed by adding non-neutral material and removing warnings from information on Wikipedia, the free Internet-based encyclopaedia has alleged.

Mr. Adani, a first-generation entrepreneur, has lost over $70 billion in net worth, in less than a month. This followed U.S. short-seller Hindenburg Research accusing the group of accounting fraud, stock price manipulation, and money laundering, allegations that the conglomerate has repeatedly denied, while threatening legal action.

Wikipedia in a February 20 'Disinformation Report', referred to the "con" alleged by Hindenburg Research, to ask: "Did he [Adani] and his employees also try to "con" Wikipedia readers with non-neutral PR versions of related Wikipedia articles?"

It went on to answer the question, "Almost certainly they did."

"Over 40 later banned or blocked sockpuppets or undeclared paid editors created or revised nine related articles on the Adani family and family businesses. Many of them edited several of the articles and added non-neutral material or puffery," it said.

Some of edits on Mr. Adani were by company employees, Wikipedia alleged, listing IP addresses that edited information on Mr. Adani, his wife Priti, son Karan, nephew Pranav, and the group companies.

FIR against Rajasthan Police filed in Haryana

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

The Haryana Police on Tuesday registered a First Information Report against unidentified Rajasthan policemen for allegedly causing the pregnant wife of the accused in the Bharatpur double murder case to lose the baby. The policemen have also been charged with outraging the modesty of a woman, causing hurt, house trespass and rioting.

According to the First Information Report, a Rajasthan Police team barged into the house of Shrikant – one of the five accused in the kidnapping and murder of two Muslim youth on suspicion of cow smuggling – on February 17 around 3.30 a.m. The policemen allegedly beat up Shrikant's mother Dulari and wife Kamlesh.

Ms. Dulari, the complainant in the case, said the policemen hit her daughter-in-law in the abdomen. The body of the baby was exhumed on February 20. The preliminary report said the cause of death would be ascertained after the viscera chemical analysis report was received.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
EDUCATION & WELFARE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, VIJAYAWADA

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INBRIEF

Accused of Mumbai attack roam freely in Pak.: Akhtar

The perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks are still roaming freely in Pakistan and Pakistanis should not feel offended when India talks about the 2008 carnage, lyricist and poet Javed Akhtar has said. In a viral video from the seventh Faiz Festival organised in Lahore in memory of Urdu poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz, he was seen making these comments in response to a person who told Mr. Akhtar to tell Indians that Pakistan is "a positive, friendly and loving country". "We are people from Mumbai, we have seen the attack on our city. They are still roaming freely in Pakistan. So if there is a grievance in the heart of a Hindustani, you should not feel offended," Mr. Akhtar said. PTI

Four pharma companies get incentives worth ₹165.74 cr.

Four pharmaceutical companies have received the first tranche of incentives of up to ₹165.74 crore under the Product Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme of the Department for Pharmaceuticals. The scheme was floated to boost indigenous production of active pharmaceutical ingredients which are the key raw materials in manufacturing drugs. The firms include Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., Biocon Ltd., Strides Pharma Science Ltd. and Premier Medical Corporation Private Ltd. The department had received an incentive claim of about ₹544 crore from 15 applicants.

Woman BSF constable alleges rape by superior in Nadia

A woman constable of the Border Security Force (BSF) has alleged rape by a superior in West Bengal's Nadia district. An FIR was lodged at the Bhawanipore police station in Kolkata on Monday when the survivor came for medical examination at the State-run SSKM Hospital. The alleged incident occurred at the Tungi border outpost in the Krishnagunge police station limits in Nadia. The allegation is against her company commander who is an officer of inspector rank. "The inspector has been suspended and a committee to deal with sexual harassment has been set up. We will take disciplinary action if the accused is found guilty," a spokesperson said.

U.P. cancels allotment of 72 industrial plots to Minister

The Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday cancelled the allotment of 72 industrial plots to Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Rakesh Sachan. The decision was taken after the Opposition alleged that all the plots were lying unutilised since 2012. The State's Industries Department ordered the cancellation of the allotment of these plots in Fatehpur district on the report of a two-member inquiry committee. The department is also planning to initiate action against officers who allocated these industrial plots on a large scale. A total of 32 plots were allocated in Mini Industrial Asthan Chakrata and 40 in Saduapur.

Children have the right to protect their genetic data: SC

A child should not be lost in its search for paternity, says the top court, directing the family courts adjudicating between warring parents to order DNA tests only as a last resort

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

> Genetic information is personal and intimate. It sheds light on a person's very essence... a child's genetic information is part of his fundamental right to privacy
> Supreme Court

The Supreme Court has held in a judgment that children cannot be mechanically subjected to DNA tests in each and every case between warring parents as a short-cut to establish proof of infidelity.

"Genetic information is personal and intimate," a Bench of Justices V. Ramasubramanian and B.V. Nagarathna observed in a judgment. "It sheds light on a person's very essence... The information goes to the very heart of who she or he is," the judgment added, emphasising that "a child's genetic information is part of his fundamental right to privacy".

"Children have the right not to have their legitimacy questioned frivolously before a court of law. This is an essential attribute of the right to privacy. Courts are, therefore, required to acknowledge that children are not to be regarded like material objects, and be subjected to forensic/DNA testing, particularly when they are not parties to the divorce proceeding. It is imperative that children do not become the focal point of the battle between spouses," Justice Nagarathna said.

'Psychological trauma'

Justice Nagarathna drew attention to the rights of privacy, autonomy and identity recognised under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. "The Convention acknowledges the control that individuals, including children, have over their own personal boundaries and the means by which they define who they are in relation to other people. Children are not to be deprived of this entitlement to influence and understand their sense of self simply by virtue of being children," Justice Nagarathna wrote. The judgment said "a child should not be lost in its search for paternity".

Besides, mechanical orders allowing DNA tests would also harm the reputation and dignity of the mother, the court added.

Family courts should direct for a DNA test only in expedient situations and in the interest of justice, as a last resort, said the judgment. The judgment came in a petition filed by a man who questioned his second child's paternity.

'Remarks on SC can't erode its credibility'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The credibility of the Supreme Court of India is sky-high, and it cannot be eroded or impinged by the statements of individuals, the Bombay High Court has said rejecting a petition seeking action against Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Law Minister Kiren Rijiju over their comments on the judiciary.

A Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice S.V. Gangapurwala and Justice Sandeep Marne on February 9 had dismissed a PIL petition by the Bombay Lawyers Association seeking a direction to disqualify Mr. Rijiju and Mr. Dhankhar from holding the constitutional post as they had "expressed a lack of faith" in the Constitution.

A seven-page order read, "The Constitution is supreme and sacrosanct. Every citizen is bound by the Constitution and is expected to abide by the constitutional values. The constitutional institutions are to be respected by all. Fundamental duty of every citizen to abide by the Constitution. Majesty of law has to be respected."

Follow Nehruvian model, says INTUC

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

The 33rd plenary session of the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), which will begin in New Delhi on Wednesday, will urge the Congress, its parent organisation, to reconsider the economic policies it has been following since 1991 and go back to the "Nehruvian" path of mixed economy.

The draft resolution notes that the economic reforms in India have been inimical to the interests of workers and trade unions.

"The policies implemented by successive governments entailed among various interventions, reducing entry barriers for foreign investors thus allowing increasing levels of FDI in various industrial sectors, divestment, privatisation and job cuts in the public sector, poor enforcement of labour laws, exclusion of workers particularly those from the informal sector from the purview of labour and welfare laws, and creating export processing zones that exclude private enterprises from the laws," the draft resolution, a copy of which is with *The Hindu*, says.

Survey of India to be arbiter as govt. privatises map making

Jacob P. Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Survey of India (SoI), India's 250-year-old map maker, while no longer having a monopoly on making high-resolution maps, will remain the arbiter of maps that deal with State boundaries and national borders. It will also maintain and provide reference stations that are vital to cartographers to prepare higher resolution maps, Sunil Kumar, Surveyor-General of India and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, told *The Hindu*.

Last December, the Centre officially released the National Geospatial Policy of India that allows any private agency to make high-resolution maps. Before this, the SoI made various categories of maps that, while available for nominal charges, were relatively hard to access. Moreover, maps made for "civilian purposes" were coarser than the "defence series maps" that were more detailed but only accessible to the Defence Ministry.

Jitendra Singh during the conference. TWITTER/DRJITENDRASINGH

It will continue to maintain CORS (Continuously Operating Reference Stations) that are necessary to create accurate digital maps. A CORS consists of a GPS receiver operating continuously, and a stable antenna for continuously streaming raw data. Such reference stations are present all over the globe to monitor the earth's crust to provide geodetic control, track manmade and natural structures, and facilitate accurate navigation, Mr. Kumar said.

While guidelines released by the Science Ministry in 2021 liberalised the making and access to geospatial services, the geospatial policy sets out goals and targets such as a high resolution topographical survey and digital elevation model by 2030.

"For a long time, several departments of the government worked in silos. Digital assets created were not being effectively used. The implications of the geospatial industry is huge and it's also a little dangerous because anything and anyone can be tracked anywhere, but India should aim to be a leader in this economy," Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science and Technology, said at a conference here on India's geospatial industry on Tuesday.

Uttarakhand starts Char Dham Yatra preparations

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Pushkar Singh Dhami

Days after fresh cracks were found on the Joshimath-Badrinath highway, the Uttarakhand government has started making preparations for pilgrims to make their way to Badrinath as part of this year's Char Dham Yatra beginning on April 22, saying that a disaster management control room will be set up in the sinking town of Joshimath. On Tuesday, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that a Border Roads Organisation (BRO) team will also set up camp in Joshimath to respond to any alerts of further cave-ins or other emergencies.

Many of Joshimath's beleaguered residents are unconvinced by these measures, expressing fear that the yatra will only exacerbate the crisis and put their rehabilitation on the backburner. Atul Sati, convener of the Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, told *The Hindu* that fresh fissures had appeared on the road leading to the Narasingh temple, known as the winter abode of Lord Badrinath.

'Hotels full of evacuees'

Mr. Sati alleged that the government was trying to underplay the Joshimath crisis and falsely projecting that everything is safe in the town. Satellite studies had shown that the town was sinking, with cracks appearing in homes, buildings and roads over the past few months, forcing the evacuation of hundreds.

"The government should tell us how they will accommodate lakhs of pilgrims who will come to Joshimath – as the town is the gateway to Badrinath, the Valley of Flowers and Hemkund Sahib – when most of the hotels are occupied by locals who have been displaced," he said.

Limiting yatris

Earlier, in a planning meeting, the Chief Minister said, "If there are cracks or any other problems on the roads in Joshimath, it will be treated immediately. A control room for disaster management will also be set up at Joshimath for the smooth commencement of the yatra."

Ajayendra Ajay, president of the Badri-Kedar temple committee, who participated in the meeting, told *The Hindu* that the Tourism Department is planning to put a cap on the number of participants in the yatra. A record 40 lakh plus people took part in the yatra in 2022.

Mr. Dhami said there had been complaints of potholes on the yatra route, and asked for a weekly review of the roads by the Principal Secretary, PWD and the District Magistrates. "This review will be continued until reports of 100% pothole-free and improvement of PWD roads are received from the District Magistrates," said Mr. Dhami. He asked the departments concerned to ensure that the best facilities are provided to devotees this time.

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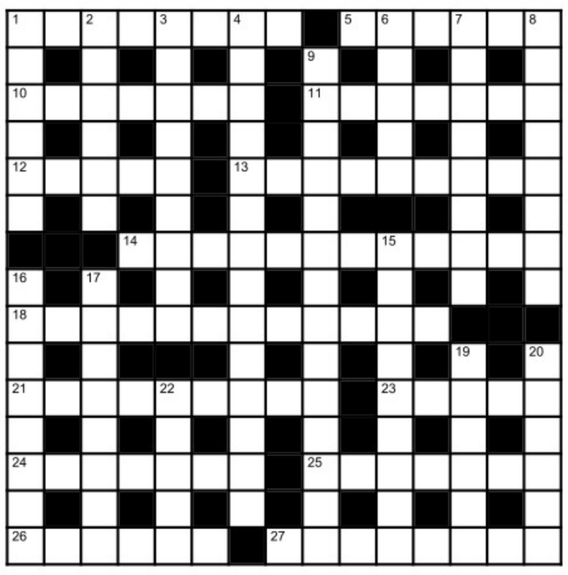

Across

1 Endless anger in failed state, essentially one in Asia (3,5)
5 Man and boy in group going round ancient Egyptian city (6)
10 Confusion and sweat after drinking spurious rum (7)
11 Lovers beginning to undress frantically - they are seen in window (7)
12 Large meal in Eid, primarily breaking period of starvation (5)
13 Murder of man, one moving in high society (9)
14 Notice hut, awfully ancient and neglected (3,2,3,4)
18 What orthodontist will do to become resolute? (3,4,5)
21 Steaming hot macaroni - blow on it! (9)
23 Concierge ultimately ignored call for alarm (5)
24 Like diamonds of rich criminal controlling barbaric mob (7)
25 Bond removing top to stay cool! Great (7)
26 Portion of meat from cold store, not duck (6)
27 Strikes a fine century, dances around (8)

Down

1 Leave those toffee boxes (3,3)
2 Radio broadcast about Putin's latest hostile attack (6)
3 Complete reversal in a fight with revolting fiend crushing head of rival (5-4)
4 Ruthless determination of family protecting weaker son caught stealing money (6,8)
6 Sixty minutes with one voluptuously alluring woman (5)
7 Country prohibits drinking - source of big commotion (8)
8 Dismisses American president involved in flings (8)
9 Defy associate involved in terribly filthy offence (3,2,3,4,2)
15 Large after misuse of a steroid hormone (9)
16 Woman tucking into savoury jelly is not rotund (8)
17 Begin a journey in famous market (5,3)
19 Shivering in cape, affected by breathing problem (6)
20 Criticises dishes, a little salty for prince (6)
22 Son lost serious card game (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Karmas can be ended

In his Pillai Andadi, Kumara Varadacharya, son of Vedanta Desika, addresses his karmas, and tells them that they had better find some place else to reside. They can no longer be a part of Kumara Varadacharya's life because in his heart resides his father Desika. And the greatness of Desika is that he bears in his heart the teachings of Ramanujacharya. This being the case, Kumara Varadacharya knows that his karmas can no longer torment him, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse.

Karmas have no beginning. The jivatma too has no beginning. But there is one fundamental difference. There is no end to a jivatma, but karmas can be ended by resorting to bhakti or total surrender to Lord Narayana.

Our karmas fall into two categories – bad karmas and good karmas. When we do wrong things, the punishment is that the tendency to do wrong persists in the next birth too. The reason for our doing good karmas in this birth can also be traced to our doing good karmas in past births. But we can go on asking, when did this cause-effect relationship begin? When was the first time we did a karma and faced a result because of it? We will then be stuck in a never-ending effort. In Sanskrit logic, there is a name for this question-answer circuitous loop from which there is no exit – it's called bheejaankura nyaya. It's like trying to find out which came first – the seed (bheeja) from which a tree grows, or the tree which bears a fruit, inside which is the seed. Which is the original cause and the subsequent result? We can never get an answer to this question. The good news for us is that we can bring our karmas to an end, and thereby end the cycle of births and deaths.

MANILA

Rescuers climb an active volcano to reach Philippine plane crash site

AP

Philippine rescue teams began climbing an active volcano on Tuesday to reach the wreckage of a small plane that crashed last weekend. Four persons, including two Australians, were on board the Cessna 340 aircraft when it went missing on Saturday morning after taking off for Manila from Bicol International Airport. AFP

KYIV

Italy PM Giorgia Meloni arrives in Kyiv ahead of talks with Zelensky

REUTERS

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni arrived in Kyiv on Tuesday to meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, hours after pledging military support for Ukraine. Ms. Meloni said she was "honoured" to make the visit as she stepped off a train coming from Poland. Ukrainian officials greeted her with a bunch of flowers. REUTERS

MOSCOW

Crew stuck on ISS to return to earth in September, says Russia

REUTERS

Russia's space agency on Tuesday said that the crew stuck on the International Space Station because of a damaged capsule were now expected to return to Earth in September, a year after they first launched into orbit. The trio had been due to return to Earth on March 28. AFP

PARIS

Iran orders death penalty for 'kidnapped' German national

AFP

An Iranian court on Tuesday sentenced to death on terror charges an Iranian-German national who supporters say was abducted in the Gulf and forcibly returned to Iran for a show trial. Jamshid Sharmahd was convicted in connection with the bombing of a mosque in 2008, the judiciary's news agency reported. AFP

Russia suspends the last remaining major nuclear treaty with the U.S.

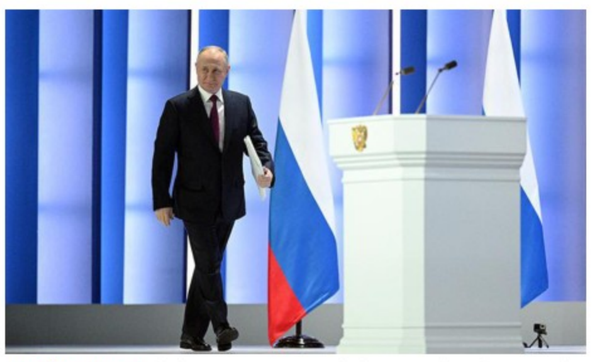
Vladimir Putin says Russia should stand ready to resume nuclear weapons tests if the U.S. does so; hours after the announcement, Foreign Ministry says Moscow will continue to respect the cap on nuclear weapons in the agreement

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin declared on Tuesday that Moscow was suspending its participation in the New START treaty – the last remaining nuclear arms control pact with the U.S. – sharply upping the ante amid tensions with Washington over the fighting in Ukraine.

Speaking in his state-of-the-nation address, Mr. Putin also said that Russia should stand ready to resume nuclear weapons tests if the U.S. does so.

Explaining his decision to suspend Russia's obligations under the 2010 New START treaty, Mr. Putin accused the U.S. and its NATO allies of openly declaring the goal of Russia's defeat in Ukraine.



Walking away: Vladimir Putin suspended a treaty that limits each country to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads. REUTERS

"They want to inflict a 'strategic defeat' on us and try to get to our nuclear facilities at the same time," he said, declaring his decision to suspend Russia's participation in the treaty.

New START's official name is The Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms.

Caps to stay

Hours after Mr. Putin's address, the Russian Foreign Ministry said it would respect the caps on nuclear weapons under the nuclear arms control treaty with the U.S. even though Putin suspended the country's participation in the pact. Russia also will continue to exchange information about test launches of ballistic missiles per earlier agreements with the U.S., the Foreign Ministry said.

The treaty envisages caps on the number of nuclear weapons and broad inspections of nuclear sites. Mr. Putin said such inspections don't make sense after the U.S. and its allies declared the goal of dealing Russia a military defeat in Ukraine.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken deplored Putin's move as "deeply unfortunate and irresponsible," noting that "we'll be watching carefully to see what Russia actually does."

He said that "we'll, of course, make sure that in any event we are postured appropriately for the security of our own country and that of our allies," but emphasised that "we remain ready to talk about strategic arms limitations at any time."

Biden swears by NATO support for Ukraine, says Russia will never win

Agence France-Presse
WARSAW

U.S. President Joe Biden on Tuesday said Ukraine would "never be a victory for Russia" as he delivered a speech in Poland ahead of the first anniversary of Moscow's invasion.

"A dictator bent on rebuilding an empire will never be able to ease the people's love of liberty, brutality will never grind down the will of the free," he said in Warsaw.

"Ukraine will never be a victory for Russia – never," Mr. Biden said.

Mr. Biden also responded to an anti-West speech made by Russian President Vladimir Putin earlier Tuesday.

Joe Biden set to deliver a speech in Warsaw on Tuesday marking the one-year anniversary of Russia's Ukraine invasion. AP

"The West is not plotting to attack Russia as Putin said today," Mr. Biden said.

"Millions of Russian citizens who only want to live in peace with their neighbours are not the enemy."

Mr. Biden stressed the West's continued support for Ukraine.

"There should be no doubt: our support for Ukraine will not waver, NATO will not be divided and we will not tire."

On the draw

Wagner boss Prigozhin slams Russian military chiefs

Associated Press

The owner of the Russian private military company Wagner accused Russia's Defence Minister and Chief of General Staff on Tuesday of starving his fighters in Ukraine of ammunition.

Yevgeny Prigozhin said in an audio statement released through his spokespeople that "direct resistance" from the Russian military "is nothing other than an attempt to destroy Wagner".

Israel MPs approve first of the 3 stages of judicial reforms

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel's parliament took a step towards approving a controversial judicial reform on Tuesday despite weeks of mass protests against the legislation critics see as a threat to democracy.

President Isaac Herzog – who has been attempting to broker dialogue on the divisive issue, which would boost the powers of politicians over the courts – said there was widespread "fear for the nation's unity".

Lawmakers in the early hours voted by 63 to 47 to support a key Bill in the reform at first reading. It will now return to the law committee for more debate, ahead of its second and third readings in the Knesset.

The legislation would give more weight to the government in the committee that selects judges, and deny courts the right to strike down any amendments to so-called Basic Laws, Israel's quasi-constitution.

Netanyahu's victory

The reform is a cornerstone of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's administration, an alliance with ultra-Orthodox and extreme-right parties which took office in late December.

"This is a difficult morning," said the President, whose powers are largely ceremonial. "Many people fear for the nation's unity," Mr. Herzog said at a conference organised by the Ynet news website.

The Tuesday vote passed despite weeks of protests in Israel's main cities.

New earthquake in Turkey-Syria region kills 8, injures 294

Associated Press
ISTANBUL

The death toll in Turkey and Syria rose to eight in a new and powerful earthquake that struck two weeks after a devastating temblor killed nearly 45,000 people, the authorities and media said on Tuesday.

Turkey's disaster management authority said six persons were killed and 294 others were injured with 18 in critical condition after Monday's 6.4-magnitude quake.

Two dead in Syria

In Syria, a woman and a girl died as a result of panic during the earthquake in the provinces of Hama and Tartus, pro-government media outlets said.

The earthquake's epicentre was in the town of Defne, in Turkey's Hatay province, which borders Syria. It was also felt in Jordan, Cyprus, Israel, Lebanon and as far away as Egypt, and followed by a second, magnitude 5.8 temblor, and dozens of aftershocks.

Mounting troubles

Hatay was one of the worst-hit provinces in Turkey in the magnitude 7.8 quake that struck on February 6. Thousands of buildings were destroyed in the province and Monday's quake further damaged buildings. The governor's office in Antakya, Hatay's historic heart, was also damaged.

Officials have warned quake victims to not go into the remains of their homes, but people have done so to retrieve what they can. They were caught up in the new quake.

(Government of Karnataka)
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TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 23/2022-23 DATED : 21-02-2023

On Behalf Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Hassan Division Hassan. Has Invited the Tender for the worksof Arkalgud and Belur Taluk Approved under2022-23JJM Mention Below, Two Cover System works Belur Taluk 10 Package Works (GEN) Indent No: (54198, 54200, 4201, 54209, 54212, 54213, 54215, 54217, 54218, 54220) Arkalgudu Taluk 19 Package Works (GEN) Indent No: (55865, 55866, 55867, 55934, 55935, 55937, 55938, 55940, 55978, 55981, 56054, 56056, 56057, 56058, 56059, 56061, 56062, 56064, 56066) Above work tenders are invited in Two cover system in e-procurement portal. The tender details are available in www.e-procurement.karnataka.gov.in From 21-02-2023 After 11.00A.M. The bidder should submitted the tender with in the dated: 28-02-2023 before 5.30 P.M. On Dated:23-02-2023 The Pre-bid Meeting will be conducted in this office, Interested Contractor may participated. Venue : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Zilla Panchyath Building, N.R,Circle Hassan. The Technical bid will open on dated:02-03-2023 after 11:00 A.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated:04-03-2023 after 11.00 A.M. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights of to cancel all tender or any one tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation Dept, Hassan division, Hassan.

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No.BMRCL/HR/0008/PRJ/2023 Dated: 22.02.2023

NOTIFICATION FOR CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

BMRCL invites applications from qualified and experienced personnel for appointment for the following posts on "Contract basis" only.

Sl.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts
1	Senior Geologist	01
2	Geologist	01
	Total	**02**

Last date for receipt of online applications **is 21.03.2023** and for receipt of signed hard copies with supporting documents **is 4.00 PM on 25.03.2023.** For details regarding eligibility criteria, Salary, application process and other information, please visit **www.bmrc.co.in/Career Section.**

Sd/- General Manager (HR)

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Chitradurga
Ph.08194 222733 E-mail:apmcchitradurga@rediffmail.com
No.: AMD/APMC(C)/Dev.W/Tender/1019/2022-23 Date: 15.02.2023

Brief e-Tender Notice

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Chitradurga, invites Tenders in two cover system as per KW-4 in http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from eligible Contractors registered in e-procurement portal for undertaking Development Works sanctioned under Annual Action Plan for the year 2023-24. The dates for receipt of Tender and opening of Tender are fixed as below. (1) Date of Pre-bid Meeting 27.02.2023 at 11.30 AM (2) Last date for receiving filled Tenders (Technical and Financial Bid) 08.03.2023 up to 4.30 PM (3) Date of opening the Technical Bid 10.03.2023 at 11.30 AM (4) Date of opening the Financial Bid (Financial Bids of only the contractors qualified in the Technical Bid will be opened) 16. 03.2023 at 11.30 AMOr will be opened on a date convenient to the Committee

Sd/-Secretary, A.P.M.C. Chitradurga
Sd/-Administrative Officer, A.P.M.C. Chitradurga
RO.No.1032:DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL GRBCC Div No 3
Gokak. Ph No:08332-225213

No. 1) KNNL/GRBCCD-3/DB/4701 /Tender/2022-23/17 Dt :-20-02-2023, 2) KNNL/GRBCCD-3/DB/2701 M & MR/ Tender/2022-23/18 Dt :- 20-02-2023

SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE BASED TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, GRBCC DIVISION NO-3 Gokak, Belagavi District in Karnataka State invites tenders on Percentage basis on e-procurement portal for the
(1) 4701 M & M I (01) Amount Put to Tender (Approximately): Rs: 84.72 Lakhs (Indent Nos. 35459) (KW-3)(2) 2701 M & M R (01) Amount put to tender (Approximately): Rs. 04.22 lakhs (Indent No. 36060) (KW-1)

The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document, i.e. the tender schedules, bid documents and other documents in the web site http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non-refundable) (1) The Last of date quarries 28-02-2023 17.00 hrs (2)The date for bid submission starts from 21-02-2023 to 01-03-2023 17.00 hrs (3) Technical bid/Financial opening on 03-03-2023 11.00 hrs, (4) Financial bid opening on after technical bid approved. submission of completed tender documents through e-portal. Further information can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL GRBCC DIVISION NO-3, Gokak, Belagavi District during office hours. Phone No : 08332-225213 & e-mail Id:knnlgrbccd3.gokak@gmail.com. Corrigendum /Addendum or any modifications of this tender will be published in the web site of e-procurement only No news paper publication.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, KNNL,GRBCC Division No.3, Gokak

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1841/KSMCA/2022-23

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD-05
Stores Purchase Office, Krishinagar, Dharwad-580 005 (Karnataka)
Email.id: spo@uasd.in

No. SPO/EO/25/809/Tender-eproc. 09 / 2022-23 Date : 17.02.2023

Short Term Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad is inviting Short Term Tender for procurement of Scientific Equipments, Electronic items, Furniture, Cloth Bags for packing seeds, sports materials etc. through e-procurement portal. The registered suppliers are requested to visit the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for participation in the tender.

SHEDULE OF EVENTS

Last date and time for tender queries / clarification	:	21.02.2023 (Tuesday) till 16.00 Hrs.
Last date & time for receipt of Tender	:	25.02.2023 (Saturday) till 16.00 Hrs.
Technical Bid Opening (Sl. No. 6 & 9)	:	27.02.2023 (Monday) at 16.00 Hrs.
Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid	:	27.02.2023 (Monday) at 16.05 Hrs.

Tenderers need to register with e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka B'lore, For details of registration please contact ph. No: 080-46010000. For more details please contact 0836-2444438 during office hours. Bidders are requested to get updated with the corrigendum/addendum (if any) issued online at the following link in the entire tender process. www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-ESTATE OFFICER UAS, Dharwad

DIPR/DWD/1133/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

INBRIEF

NTPC Green Energy to raise up to ₹9,000-cr. in term loan

NTPC arm NTPC Green Energy Ltd. (NGEL) has invited bids for rupee-denominated term loan of up to ₹9,000 crore. The bid document showed NGEL intends to raise fresh debt and repay outstanding liability of ₹8,200 crore towards NTPC by March 31, along with interest cost. Also, additional funds to the tune of ₹800 crore would be required for additional debt liability and for balance capex payments of projects yet to achieve full commercial operations, it stated. PTI

COAI says mid-band 6GHz airwaves crucial for 5G service

Industry body COAI made an aggressive pitch for setting aside mid-band 6GHz spectrum for mobile operators, saying it is critical for proliferation of 5G services, and delicensing it to "use for all" will hit the quality and cost of the service. Spectrum in the 6GHz band, with its propagation qualities, will be ideal for mobile services in densely-populated areas and mobile operators are pitted against wi-fi players, in staking claim over this band. PTI

Bottled water brand Bisleri forays into UAE market

Bottled water brand Bisleri International has entered into collaboration with Gulf-based Nasser Abdulla Lootah Group to make its brands available in the UAE. Production and bottling of Bisleri and Vedica would be undertaken by Emirates Drinking Water, a part of the Nasser Abdulla Lootah Group. The association will help strengthen Bisleri International's presence across Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi, the firm said.

'HPCL faces hurdles paying for Russian oil as banks balk'

Banks are refraining from processing payments following the price cap imposed by Western nations, says official; HPCL said to be eyeing alternative channels to facilitate transactions

Reuters
BARMER

Hindustan Petroleum Corp. is facing difficulties in paying for Russian oil imports following a December 5 price cap imposed by Western nations as banks shy away from processing payments, a company official said on Tuesday.

While Western sanctions against Moscow are not recognised by India – and purchases of Russian oil may not violate them – banks and financial institutions are cautious about clearing payments so as not to unwittingly fall foul of the measures.

HPCL is looking for alternative channels after some Indian banks with huge exposure to the U.S. and western economies stopped facilitating payments, the source, who did not wish to be identified, told reporters on a trip with the energy minister.

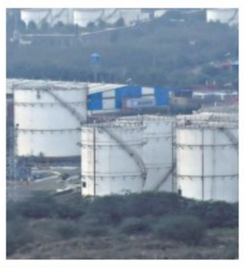
"Some banks are U.S. affiliated," he said, and foreign banks won't "entertain" transactions for Russian oil. HPCL declined to comment.

Indian refiners are buying Russian oil at below the $60 per barrel price cap, which is necessary to access Western insurance cover and shipping.

HPCL continues to buy Russian oil and has imported 40,000 barrels per day in the current fiscal year, the source added.

Sticky situation

Refiner has found it tough to pay for purchases of Russian oil following the Dec. 5 imposition of a price cap by Western nations



- Indian banks with huge exposure to U.S., western economies have stopped facilitating payments for Russian oil
- Indian refiners are buying Russian oil at prices below the $60/barrel price cap
- HPCL continues to buy the oil despite challenges, has imported 40,000 bpd this fiscal year

Centre to sell 20 lakh tonnes of wheat in open market to cool prices

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday announced the sale of an additional 20 lakh tonnes of wheat in the open market to further bring down the retail prices of wheat and wheat flour (*atta*) and asked flour millers to cut rates with softening in wholesale price of grain.

On January 25, the Centre had announced the sale of 30 lakh tonnes of wheat in the open market to check rise in prices.

According to an official statement, the government has decided that state-owned Food Corporation of India (FCI) will offload an additional quantity of 20 lakh tonnes of wheat in open market under the Open Market Sale Scheme.

Ban on exports

To control prices, the Centre had banned wheat exports in May last year. India's wheat ouput fell to 107.74 million tonnes (mt) in the 2021-22 crop year from 109.59 mt in the year-earlier period due to heat waves in a few growing States. Procurement fell to 19 million tonnes this year from about 43 million tonnes last year.

Wheat output is estimated to rise to 112.18 million tonnes in the current 2022-23 crop year. However, the rise in temperature during this month in key producing States has become a concern for farm scientists and policymakers.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,673	-0.03
US Dollar	82.82	-0.09
Gold	56,100	-0.37
Brent oil	82.97	-0.78

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1571.10	-50.35
Adani Ports	583.20	3.50
Apollo Hosp	4502.05	-108.55
Asian Paints	2817.10	-8.45
Axis Bank	844.05	-2.70
Bajaj Auto	3837.10	-66.70
Bajaj Finserv	1394.30	-10.30
Bajaj Finance	6379.25	11.85
Bharti Airtel	779.05	-0.10
BPCL	323.25	-2.90
Britannia Ind	4503.35	49.55
Cipla	965.95	1.95
Coal India	214.05	-4.25
Divis Lab	2918.60	18.00
Dr Reddys Lab	4486.15	11.35
Eicher Motors	3274.15	-16.35
Grasim Ind	1633.15	1.15
HCL Tech	1105.20	-10.50
HDFC	2666.40	10.50
HDFC Bank	1646.50	6.15
HDFC Life	501.05	-6.90
Hero MotoCorp	2520.55	-6.90
Hindalco	431.50	-2.75
Hind Unilever	2516.15	4.70
ICICI Bank	854.20	2.10
IndusInd Bank	1101.75	-7.55
Infosys	1579.50	-12.95
ITC	382.25	-1.80
JSW Steel	720.10	-3.25
Kotak Bank	1730.20	-7.10
L&T	2229.45	3.95
M&M	1351.85	5.60
Maruti Suzuki	8669.85	-23.80
NestleIndia	18848.70	25.65
NTPC	173.25	5.35
ONGC	154.10	-0.75
PowerGrid Corp	217.20	1.40
Reliance Ind	2434.10	19.70
SBI Life	1150.35	-8.05
State Bank	523.45	-1.70
Sun Pharma	971.60	-12.80
TataConsumerProduct	726.20	4.40
Tata Motors	436.50	-6.50
Tata Steel	113.15	0.80
TCS	3451.00	-36.30
Tech Mahindra	1134.45	-9.75
Titan	2463.60	-10.55
UltraTech Cement	7340.55	-86.30
UPL	747.15	-10.80
Wipro	402.75	-4.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 21

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.52	82.84
Euro	88.22	88.56
British Pound	99.32	99.71
Japanese Yen (100)	61.58	61.82
Chinese Yuan	12.03	12.08
Swiss Franc	89.46	89.81
Singapore Dollar	61.79	62.05
Canadian Dollar	61.33	61.57
Malaysian Ringitt	18.64	18.71
Australian Dollar	57.03	57.25

Source:Indian Bank

RBI allows UPI transactions for inbound G-20 travellers

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A facility to enable all inbound travellers visiting India to make local payments using Unified Payments Interface (UPI) while they are in India has been made available from Tuesday, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

To start with, the facility has been made available to travellers from G-20 countries at international airports of Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi.

Indian jeweller Joyalukkas withdraws ₹2,300-crore IPO

Reuters
BENGALURU

Joyalukkas, one of India's biggest jewellery retailers, shelved plans for a public listing, a document on the market regulator's website showed on Tuesday, making it the first major company this year to pull its plans for an initial public offering (IPO).

Joyalukkas did not give a reason for withdrawing its ₹2,300 crore IPO, but analysts said the most likely reason was macro-economic concerns such as market volatility and stubbornly-high inflation.

'In dry state'

"The primary market is still very much in a dry state unless this global economic condition settles," said Prashanth Tapse, a research analyst at Mehta Equities. "That would be the main reason why they have withdrawn it."

Joyalukkas did not immediately respond to Reuters' request for comment.

Indian e-commerce firm Snapdeal pulled its $152 million IPO in December, amid a meltdown in tech stocks, while wearable electronics company boAt, in October, decided to raise funds from existing investors rather than go ahead with a planned IPO. Joyalukkas had planned to use ₹1,400 crore to repay or prepay debt.

'More insurers, plans needed to insure all'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Debasish Panda

India needs more number of insurance players, much wider range of products and also more distribution partners to achieve the insurance for all goal by 2047, IRDAI Chairman Debasish Panda said here.

In the past five years, the sector has grown 10% each year, still insurance coverage is too low at 4.2% in 2021 and we need to cover much more, he said.

Fresh pair of eyes

"All we need is to look at insurance with a fresh pair of eyes," he said. "And the time has come to re-imagine insurance. We must come together and make it happen before the 2047 target, which is an outer limit, and I want this to be achieved much earlier."

He noted that millions of small businesses are not properly covered yet.

'Steel imports from Russia rise to 8-year high this fiscal'

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India's imports of Russian steel rose to an eight-year high during the first 10 months of the financial year that commenced in April 2022, government data compiled by Reuters show.

The rising imports are the result of a shift in Russian steel trade flows to Asia after Western sanctions were imposed on Russia after its invasion of Ukraine last year. The change is displacing some traditional suppliers.

CUMI eyes ₹4,600 cr. of total sales in FY23

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Carborundum Universal Ltd. (CUMI) expects to post consolidated sales of ₹4,500-4,600 crore for FY23, with 50% of the revenue being generated by acquired firms.

"Roughly 50% of the growth will come from organic and 50% through acquisitions," said R. Sridharan, Director Finance and Strategy during an earnings call. "Acquisitions would contribute about ₹600 crore of the growth in a full year," he added.

In February 2022, CUMI acquired Germany-based Rhodius Abrasives and Awuko Abrasives.

According to Mr. Sridharan both were progressing well. Rhodius would turn profitable by FY24 whereas Awuko would be zero profit before tax.

In Q3 of FY23, Rhodius achieved net sales of €15 million against ₹14 million in Q2. On a year-to-date basis, it was €47 million. It would end the year with €68-70 million in net sales and loss of €3.5-4 million.

In the case of Awuko, he said the full sales would be about €10 million and loss of about €4 million, which was after considering the Christmas bonus.

'Angel tax provisions will not impact start-ups'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The 'angel tax' provision in the Finance Bill will not impact start-ups in India, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Start-ups registered with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade do not come under the purview, Anurag Jain, the secretary in the department said.

"Let me put one thing very clearly. It doesn't affect start-ups in the least," he said, addressing the audience at an event.

'Data centres to grow sixfold in six years'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Data localisation and data explosion in India would lead to sixfold increase in data centre (DC) capacities in the next six years, ICRA analysts wrote in a note.

Overall, 4,900-5,000 MW of capacity involving investments of ₹1.50 lakh crore are likely to be added in the next six years.

Business houses and foreign investors as well as captive consumers such as Amazon, Microsoft have started investing massively in Indian DCs.

"The key triggers for digital explosion in India are the increasing internet and mobile penetration, the Government's thrust on e-governance/digital India, adoption of new technologies, growing social media userbase, gaming, e-commerce and OTT," said Anupama Reddy, VP and Co-Group Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA.

Sport

SNAPSHOTS

US hurdles legend Foster passes away

LOS ANGELES: Three-time World 110m hurdles champion and 1984 Olympics runner-up Greg Foster passed away aged 64, the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) athletic department announced on Monday. Foster won the 110m hurdles gold at the first three World Athletics Championships in 1983, 1987 and 1991, in addition to a 1984 Los Angeles Olympic silver in his specialty.

Real Kashmir downs Aizawl FC

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir scripted a 2-1 comeback victory over Aizawl FC in the I-League on Tuesday. Jestin George (78th minute) and Samuel Kynshi (84th) scored for

Greg Foster. FILE PHOTO

the winner after Lalramsangha put Aizawl ahead in the 75th minute. On Monday, RoundGlass Punjab FC defeated NEROCA FC 1-0 in Imphal with midfielder Ajay Chhetri finding the goal in the 34th minute.

Delhi blanks Telangana; Kerala beats Rajasthan

KAKINADA: Delhi blanked Telangana 8-0 thanks to Roobi's three goals in the 13th Hockey India senior women's National on Tuesday. In other matches, Kerala defeated Rajasthan 4-0 while Haryana blanked Assam 9-0. Alka Dundgung struck six as Jharkhand drubbed Chhattisgarh 12-0.

The results: Kerala 4 (S. Dhanya, M.T. Abhirami, K.M. Arya, K.M. Amaya) bt Rajasthan 0; Chandigarh 4 (Palak, Priyanka Parihar, Kavita, Simranjit Kaur) bt Goa 0; Delhi 8 (Muskan, Vidhi Koli, Sonali, Roobi 3, Neha, Megha Bhatt) bt Telangana 0.

Jharkhand 12 (Reshma Soreng, Alka Dungdung 6, Elin Dungdung, Albela Rani Toppo, Dipti Toppo, Roshni Dungdung) bt Chattisgarh 0; Haryana 9 (Simranjeet Kaur, Sakshi, Manisha, Monu, Devika Sen 2, Jyoti, Priyanka, Amandeep Kaur) bt Assam 0.

Manipur bags overall championship

CHENNAI: Manipur bagged the overall championships in the National sub-junior & cadet judo championships on Tuesday. Manipur clinched a total of seven gold medals inclusive of five in sub-junior (boys & girls) & two in cadet (boys and girls) categories. Uttar Pradesh (5) finished second while Haryana (4) came third.

Special awards:
Best judoka: **sub-junior**: **Boys**: Vedant Mudolkar (Mah. 'B', -30kg); **Girls**: Shagun Kashyap (UP, -40kg); **cadet**: **Boys**: Siddharth Rawat (Utr, -66kg); **Girls**: Himanshi Tokas (MP, -63kg).

LIVE TELECAST

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 & 4.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Garnet tipped for upper division of Best Of All Plate

HYDERABAD: The five-year-old Garnet, who ran third in her last start, may make amends in the upper division of the Best Of All Plate, the chief event of Wednesday's (Feb. 21) races.

1 SILVER FORTRESS PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 12.50 p.m: 1. Ben Hur (5) B. Nikhil 56, 2. MN's Council (6) P. Sai Kumar 56, 3. Rival (7) Santosh Raj 56, 4. Thunder Knight (3) Kiran Naidu 56, 5. Barchetta (1) Abhay Singh 54.5, 6. Moon Walk (2) Gaurav Singh 54.5, 7. Proud Girl (8) Mohit Singh 54.5 and 8. Santa Barabara (4) Afroz Khan 54.5.
1. PROUD GIRL, 2. SANTA BARBARA, 3. BRACHETTA

2 AMAZING FIGHTER PLATE (1,600m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.20: 1. Temptations (8) Kuldeep S 60, 2. City Cruise (3) Md. Ekram Alam 59, 3. Indian King (5) Mukesh Kumar 58.5, 4. Golden Inzio (1) P. Sai Kumar 57.5, 5. Queen Blossom (6) Md. Ismail 57, 6. Mireya (7) B. Nikhil 55.5, 7. Special And Thong (4) P. Ajeeth Kumar 53.5 and 8. Voice Of A Dream (2) Surya Prakash 51.5.
1. MIREYA, 2. INDIAN KING, 3. GOLDEN INZIO

3 SILVER FORTESS PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 1.50: 1. Great Giver (1) Surya Prakash 56, 2. Morning Mist (4) Suraj Narredu 56, 3. Smart Striker (2) Gaurav Singh 56, 4. Worcester (8) Mukesh Kumar 56, 5. Clare (7) S. Saqlain 54.5, 6. Fayola (5) P. Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 7. Flashing Memories (3) R.S. Jodha 54.5 and 8. Oskars Glory (6) G. Naresh 54.5.
1. CLARE, 2. GREAT GIVER, 3. MORNING MIST

4 BEST OF ALL PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2.20: 1. Red Snaper (12) Afroz Khan 60, 2. Above The Law (10) Md. Ismail 58.5, 3. Top In Class (11) P. Ajeeth Kumar 58, 4. Laurus (3) Mukesh Kumar 56, 5. Beauty Flame (2) Kiran Naidu 54.5, 6. Exotic Dancer (9) A.A. Vikrant 54.5, 7. Sun Dancer (6) Rafique Sk. 53.5, 8. Costello (4) Mohit Singh 53, 9. Doe A Deer (7) S. Saqlain 53, 10. Ice Berry (1) B. Nikhil 52.5, 11. Pinatubo (8) D.S. Deora 52.5 and 12. Rhythm Selection (5) P. Sai Kumar 52.
1. LAURUS, 2. BEAUTY FLAME, 3. ICE BERRY

5 OLD SECRETARIAT PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.55: 1. D YES BOSS (1) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. Salisbury (5) Mukesh Kumar 60, 3. Its On (9) D.S. Deora 59, 4. Blast In Class (4) Suraj Narredu 56, 5. Plethora (2) Md. Ekram Alam 56, 6. Star Cruise (7) P. Sai Kumar 54, 7. Fatuma (3) Kuldeep S 53.5, 8. The Hambone (----), 9. Ayur Tej (8) B. Nikhil 52 and 10. Urgent (6) Abhay Singh 51.5.
1. BLAST IN CLASS, 2. ITS ON, 3. FATUMA

6 BEST OF ALL PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.30: 1. All Time Legend (7) S. Saqlain 60, 2. See My Spark (3) Afroz Khan 58.5, 3. Beauty On Parade (4) A.A. Vikrant 58, 4. City Of Blessing (8) Mukesh Kumar 58, 5. Miss Little Angel (2) Abhay Singh 54.5, 6. Unmatched (12) Rafique Sk. 54.5, 7. Garnet (13) Mohit Singh 54, 8. Rising Queen (11) P. Sai Kumar 54, 9. Indian Temple (9) Surya Prakash 52.5, 10. Star Racer (1) G. Naresh 52.5, 11. Basia (5) B. Nikhil 51.5, 12. Char Ek Char (10) P. Ajeeth Kumar 51.5 and 13. Ambitious Star (6) Gaurav Singh 51.
1. GARNET, 2. ALL TIME LEGEND, 3. BASIA

7 GENERAL ANDERS PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m) Maiden, 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.05: 1. Nucleus (4) Mohit SIngh 60, 2. Power Ranger (1) Aneel 58, 3. Resurgence (9) Surya Prakash 57, 4. Divine Destiny (8) P. Ajeeth Kumar 56.5, 5. Bien Pensant (10) Neeraj Rawal 56, 6. Undaunted (–), 7. Chenab (2) D.S. Deora 55.5, 8. Fresh Hope (5) B. Nikhil 55, 9. Life Is Good (7) Md. Ismail 55, 10. N R I Angel (6) G. Naresh 55 and 11. Swiss Girl (3) S. Saqlain 55.
1. POWER RANGER, 2. RESURGENCE, 3. SWISS GIRL

8 OLD SECRETARIAT PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.40: 1. Aerial Combat (4) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Ok Boss (5) Kuldeep S 60, 3. Top Diamond (1) Mukesh Kumar 60, 4. Prime Gardenia (7) Ajay Kumar 58, 5. Golden Forza (8) Kiran Naidu 57, 6. Blazing Jupiter (6) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55.5, 7. Gusty Note (3) S. Saqlain 54, 8. Pedro Planet (9) Rafique Sk. 52.5, 9. Tripurari (2) D.S. Deora 52 and 10. My Master (10) Surya Prakash 50.5.
1. OK BOSS, 2. TOP DIAMOND, 3. AERIAL COMBAT

9 GENERAL ANDERS PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m) Maiden, 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 5.15: 1. Coming Home (8) D.S. Deora 60, 2. Protocol (10) P. Sai Kumar 59, 3. Varenna (7) Md. Ekram Alam 59, 4. Inderdhanush (9) Abhay Singh 58.5, 5. Double Bonanza (4) Surya Prakash 58, 6. Redeem Our Pledge (5) Neeraj Rawal 57.5, 7. Saint Emilion (3) Shivansh 57.5, 8. Shubhrak (1) Mukesh Kumar 57, 9. My Way Or Highway (6) Mohit Singh 56.5 and 10. Ilango (2) S. Saqlain 54.5.
1. VARENNA, 2. COMING HOME, 3. INDERDHANUSH

Day's Best: **LAURUS**

Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.

Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 6, 7, 8 & 9.

Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3, (ii) 4, 5 & 6, (iii) 7, 8 & 9.

Tanala: All races.

A CRUISE

Nat Sciver-Brunt stars in England's thumping win against Pakistan

England defeated Pakistan by 114 runs to top Group 2 in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Cape Town on Tuesday. Nat Sciver-Brunt top-scored with an unbeaten 81 off 40 balls with 12 fours and a six. **The scores:** England 213/5 in 20 overs (Danni Wyatt 59, Nat Sciver-Brunt 81 n.o., Amy Jones 47) bt Pakistan 99/9 in 20 overs.

CLIMBING UP

Richa and Renuka soar in latest ICC Women's T20I rankings

India wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh on Tuesday jumped 16 places to move into the top-20 of the latest ICC Women's T20I rankings for the first time. In the bowling rankings, India's new-ball bowler Renuka Thakur's haul of five for 15 against England has lifted her seven places to a career-best fifth position.

ANOTHER ONE IN THE BAG

After the IPL, Tata wins title rights for Women's Premier League

The Tata Group has bagged the title rights for the Women's Premier League (WPL) beginning on March 4. "I am delighted to announce the #TataGroup as the title sponsor of the inaugural #WPL. With their support, we're confident that we can take women's cricket to the next level," tweeted BCCI secretary Jay Shah.

FLYING HIGH

Hyderabad Black Hawks signs off its campaign at home in style

Hyderabad Black Hawks finished its campaign at home in style with a 15-13, 14-15, 9-15, 15-10, 15-12 win over Bengaluru Torpedoes in the last match of the Hyderabad-leg in the Prime Volleyball League championship in Hyderabad on Tuesday. This is the fourth win in six games for Hawks. Guru Prashanth was named 'player of the match'.

End of an era: Sania hung up her racquet as one of India's best sportspersons. FILE PHOTO

Sania's trail-blazing career comes to a close

The Indian and her American partner Keys lose in straight sets to Kudermetova and Samsonova in the first round in Dubai

TENNIS

Agencies
DUBAI

Sania Mirza's glorious career ended with a first round defeat at the WTA Dubai Duty Free Championships, as the Indian and her American partner Madison Keys lost in straight sets here on Tuesday.

Sania and Keys lost 4-6, 0-6 to the Russian pair of Veronika Kudermetova and Liudmila Samsonova in exactly one hour.

The breaks were traded at swift pace in the opening set which was locked at 4-4.

Kudermetova and Samsonova then broke for a 5-4 lead before serving out the set for the loss of one point in the 10th game.

Sania and her partner Keys were broken in the very first game of the second set.

It was one-way traffic after that as they were bageled.

The 36-year-old Sania, who turned professional in 2003, walks out of competitive tennis with six Grand Slam titles, including three in women's doubles with Swiss legend Martina Hingis. In singles, Sania's run to the fourth round of the US Open in 2005 remains the best performance by an Indian at a Grand Slam since Ramesh Krishnan's quarterfinal finish at the 1987 US Open.

Sania's journey in numbers

Greatness combined: Sania had many high points in her career with Mahesh Bhupathi, Cara Black, Liezel Huber and Martina Hingis.

2 She won the WTA Finals title in 2014 with Cara Black and defended it in 2015 with Martina Hingis

6 Sania won six Grand Slam titles [Women's doubles: Wimbledon and US Open (2015), Australian Open (2016) -- all with Martina Hingis; Mixed doubles: Australian Open (2009, Mahesh Bhupathi), French Open (2012, Bhupathi), US Open (2014, Bruno Soares)].

27 Sania is the highest-ever ranked woman from India in singles (No. 27)

43 WTA doubles titles Sania won between 2004 (with Liezel Huber, Hyderabad) and 2021 (Zhang Shuai, Ostrava)

91 Sania spent 91 weeks as the World No. 1 in doubles, the eighth-best tally among women

When Bjorn Borg played 'catch me if you can'

GENERAL

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Time and Borg wait for none. The legendary Swede won his 11 Grand Slam singles titles at break-neck speed, requiring just 21 tries. And when he lost his last Major final at the 1981 US Open, he left the stadium in his car even as John McEnroe was lifting the trophy.

On Tuesday at the KSLTA courts, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai got a taste of this. Due to felicitate Borg and India's very own Vijay Amritraj at 9.30 a.m. on the sidelines of the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger, Bommai could arrive only at 11.10 a.m. because of other official commitments.

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By then, Borg, who had recced the felicitation area twice, perhaps in the hope that the event would start soon, left to watch his son Leo play his first-round match (11 a.m.).

Bommai then spent some time witnessing the action from the VIP section, even as Borg – always his own man – sat at the other end, with wife Patricia. The six-time French Open and five-time Wimbledon champion didn't change his mind even as Bommai exited the VIP area. In sport, as in politics, it is difficult to be an enigma. Borg was one forty years ago. He remains one to this day.

So near yet so far: Borg and Patricia watch son Leo from one end while Bommai and Amritraj catch the action from the other. K. MURALI KUMAR

Nagal passes Ly test

BENGALURU OPEN

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Sumit Nagal battled fitness issues before outlasting Vietnamese opponent Hoang Nam Ly 7-6(3), 5-7, 6-4 to enter the round-of-16 of the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger 100 at the KSLTA courts on Tuesday.

Hoang Nam was Nagal's partner when he won the junior Wimbledon doubles title in 2015.

The two other Indians in the main draw, Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Karnataka lad S.D. Prajwal Dev, bit the dust, losing in straight sets.

Important results
(round-of-32): Hamad Medjedovic (Srb) bt Prajnesh Gunneswaran 6-3, 6-4; Yu Hsiou Hsu (Tpe) bt Leo Borg (Swe) 6-2, 6-3; Dimitar Kuzmanov (Bul) bt Nikola Milojevic (Srb) 6-4, 6-1.

James Duckworth (Aus) bt Rio Noguchi (Jpn) 7-6 3), 6-1; Max Purcell (Aus) bt Sebastian Ofner (Aut) 7-6(6), 3-6, 6-3; Jason Jung (Tpe) bt S.D. Prajwal Dev 6-2, 6-2.

Nicolas Moreno De Alboran (USA) bt Dalibor Svrcina (Cze) 7-5, 6-2.

Injured Warner set to return home

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Even as an injury-hit Australia is staring at suffering more misery next month, opener David Warner – sidelined after taking a few body-blows in the second Test – is set to return home on Wednesday.

Warner's hairline elbow-fracture, coupled with a hit on the head, forced the Australians to opt for Matt Renshaw as concussion substitute on the second morning at the Ferozeshah Kotla. Any hope of Warner battling back from the physical blows for the remainder of the four-Test series is now dashed. He could return for the ODI series next month.

Meanwhile, Cameron Green's prospects of returning to the mix look bright.

B&A of tennis: When Borg and Amritraj are in attendance, enlightenment and excitement are never in short supply. K. MURALI KUMAR

'If I had more security like Federer and Nadal, I may have played for more years'

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Never before has Bjorn Borg seemed as free spirited as he has in the recent past. For a man who was so rigidly self-controlled at the pinnacle of his career in the 1970s - folklore has it that he wouldn't shave for the two full weeks during Wimbledon - watching him captain Team Europe in the Laver Cup, travel the world, coach on-court and give interviews is a pleasant surprise.

On Tuesday, at The Leela Palace here, Borg was as relaxed and uninhibited, sporting casual cotton shorts and a navy blue shirt with sleeves rolled up till the elbow. With Vijay Amritraj, his friend of 50 years and a speaker-par-excellence, by his side, Borg reminisced about his playing days, the great rivalry with John McEnroe and the decision to walk away from the game at 26.

"Back then I was a very famous person," Borg said. "At hotels, restaurants, wherever I went, there were always hundreds of people. At the beginning of your career you will love that. But after some years, you would want some private life. That's why I stepped away. If like [Roger] Federer and [Rafael] Nadal I had more security, I may have played for many more years."

While Borg's battle was with the outside world - in Amritraj's words Borg was 'as popular as the Beatles and more popular than ABBA' - McEnroe's was with the Swede. For the American, Borg was the gold standard and when that measuring stick disappeared suddenly, McEnroe was like fish out of water.

"After I stepped away, we played an exhibition in Tokyo," Borg recalled. "He [McEnroe] came to me and said 'you cannot stop playing'. I asked 'why not'. He said 'because I need you there'. He liked to keep pushing me. He enjoyed it and that was very important to him.

"We became very close after the 1980 Wimbledon final. Before that, as everyone knows, he was a bit crazy on the court, expressed his feelings more. But that particular match, he didn't say a word. He got so much respect from people all over because that was a different side of him. It was not only great for us, but for tennis. We did something really big for the sport."

For Amritraj, it was Borg's comeback in that 1980 final, after losing the fourth set tiebreaker 16-18, that stands out to this day.

"How do you recover after losing seven match points in the fourth set and then pull yourself together mentally? That's the greatness of our sport. It has taught us that we are capable of more than what we think. It pushes you to the brink, throws you over the precipice and brings you back again. If you are able to live through that, you become a better person."

Nominees for Spirit of Sports Award

Sports Bureau

The *Sportstar* Aces Awards are back for a fifth chapter, seeking to honour incredible performances in sports across various disciplines. An addition to the honours list is the Spirit of Sports Award which seeks to recognise examples of sportsmanship and camaraderie shown by Indian athletes in the year gone by.

The nominees:

Nihal resigns after Ding loses connectivity
Nihal Sarin won praise for his sportsmanship when he resigned in three moves against Ding Liren after the Chinese lost the game due to poor internet connection in Speed Chess Championship.

India lets COVID positive McGrath play in CWG final
Australian all-rounder Tahlia McGrath played the Birmingham CWG cricket final despite suffering from COVID-19. She was experiencing mild symptoms. Following consultation with health experts, team and match officials, she was allowed to participate.

Team India bonds with Baby Fatima
In a moment that went viral online, members of the Indian women's cricket team spent time with Pakistan skipper Bismah Maroof's baby Fatima after their encounter in the Women's World Cup. "Little Fatima's first lesson in the spirit of cricket from India and Pakistan," said ICC.

An India-Pakistan weightlifting friendship
After winning gold in the men's 109+kg competition, Pakistan's Nooh Dastgir Butt strolled around the warm-up hall at the CWG's Birmingham weightlifting centre. He stood where India's Gurdeep Singh was taking off his wrist wraps and wrapped him in a hug followed by a long handshake.

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INBRIEF

Senior National badminton in Pune from today

Top shuttlers H.S. Prannoy and K. Srikanth will hog the limelight at the Yonex-Sunrise inter-State inter-zonal championships and senior National championships beginning in Pune on Wednesday. While P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal have given the event a miss, the Nationals will have the presence of other top players, The tournament has a increased prize money of ₹50 lakh for individual championships and ₹10 lakh for the inter State-inter-zonal meet.

Indian junior women beat South Africa in shootout

The Indian junior women's hockey team won 4-3 in penalty shootout against the South African U-21 side in its final match of the tour in Johannesburg. Both sides had failed to score in regulation time, leading to the shootout. India will next play two matches against South Africa 'A' on February 24 and 25.

Delhi girls lift U-15 table tennis team title

The victors prove too good for West Bengal in the title clash; Tanishka claims the under-11 singles crown with an easy verdict over Saturya

Champions: The Delhi girls who won the under-15 team title and Tanishka who took the honours in under-11 girls' category. STAN RAYAN

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ALAPPUZHA

Avisha Karmarkar and junior national champion Sayanika Maji played a lead role as Delhi defeated West Bengal 3-1 and won the under-15 girls' inter-State team title in the UTT 84th National sub-junior table tennis championships here on Tuesday. Avisha won both her singles while Sayanika brushed aside Nandini Saha as Delhi won the team championship last held in 2019.

Karnataka's Tanishka Kalabhairav took the under-11 girls' singles title with a 3-1 verdict over West Bengal's Saturya Banerjee.

The results: Girls: Team: U-15: Final: Delhi bt West Bengal 3-1 (Avisha Karmakar bt Syndrela Das 11-4, 11-13, 5-11, 12-10, 11-9, Sayanika Majhi bt Nandini Saha 11-6, 11-3, 11-4, Avisha & Vanshika Mudgal lost to Nandini & Syndrela 6-11, 12-10, 9-11, 11-8, 8-11, Avisha Karmakar bt Nandini Saha 7-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-6).
Semifinals: Delhi bt Maharashtra 3-2; West Bengal bt Tamil Nadu 3-0.
Under-11: Singles: Final: Tanishka Kalabhairav (Kar) bt Saturya Banerjee (WB) 11-5, 11-9, 6-11, 11-1.
Semifinals: Saturya bt Daniya Godil (Guj) 11-8, 11-9, 15-17, 11-4; Tanishka bt Shariqa Shahid (WB) 13-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-5.

SNAPSHOTS

Rudrankksh wins air rifle gold

World champion Rudrankksh Patil defeated Maximilian Ulbrich of Germany 16-8 for the gold in men's air rifle in the shooting World Cup in Cairo on Tuesday.

In women's air rifle, Tilottama Sen won the bronze, 0.2 point ahead of compatriot Ramita Jindal.

With three gold and two bronze medals, India continued to stay on top of the medals table.

The results:

Air rifle: Men: 1. Rudrankksh Patil 16 (262.0) 629.3; 2. Maximilian Ulbrich (Ger) 8 (260.6) 629.2; 3. Miran Maricic (Cro) 260.5 (631.9); 11. Divyansh Singh Panwar 628.9; 12. Hriday Hazarika 628.8; RPO: Shahu Tushar Mane 630.9; Vidit Jain 628.6.

Women: 1. Seonaid Mcintosh (GBR) 16 (262.6) 634.0; 2. Nina Christen (Sui) 8 (262.1) 630.7; 3. Tilottama Sen 262.0 (632.7); 4. Ramita Jindal 261.8 (630.6); 7. Narmada Nithin 155.9 (630.5); RPO: Elavenil Valarivan 630.5; Nancy 629.2.

Rudrankksh.

Dmitruk named Indian boxing's foreign coach

In order to assist high-performance director Bernard Dunne and to make a qualitative contribution in the preparation of Indian boxers in the run-up to the 2024 Paris Olympics, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has appointed Dmitry Dmitruk as the foreign coach.

The 47-year-old will work with both elite men and women boxers alongside the Indian coaches, including men's chief coach C.A. Kuttappa and women's head coach Bhaskar Bhatt.

Dmitruk. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Thapa and Hussamuddin move up

Seasoned boxers Shiva Thapa and Mohammad Hussamuddin recorded wins at the 74th Strandja Memorial International tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria, on Tuesday. Shiva (63.5kg) defeated Frederik Jensen Lundgaard of Denmark 5-0, while Hussamuddin (57kg) recorded a 4-1 victory over China's Lyu Ping in round of 32 matches.

Women's results: 48kg: S. Kalaivani bt Tesara Cleo (Phi) 5-0; **50kg:** Anamika bt Chang Yuan (Chn) 5-0; **57kg:** Vinakshi bt Hamzayeva Aghamaliyeva (Aze) 4-1.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

The fixtures: RB Leipzig vs Manchester City, Inter Milan vs Porto (1.30 a.m., Thursday).

Cricket selection: Putting the human back in the machine

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Selectors have been in the news of late, which may not be ideal. Actually, they should neither be seen nor heard; or perhaps just seen at matches so we know they are doing their job. Australia came to India for the current series carrying injured players who were unlikely to play the first couple of Tests, and India have already retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. India, meanwhile, are wondering what to do with the talented and in-form Shubman Gill or indeed the talented and out-of-form K.L. Rahul.

And then there is the Chetan Sharma fiasco. The chairman of selectors has resigned over his remarks on senior players. It was foolish, whatever trickery was used to get him to lower his guard and shoot his mouth off. Can someone with such poor judgement choose a national team?

Cricket literature is rich in the specific crafts of the game: batting, bowling, captaincy, wicket-keeping. It is not so well-served in a crucial aspect: team selection. Which is why former England selector Ed Smith's *Making Decisions: Putting the human back in the machine* is a welcome addition to the library. Some of it is plain common sense, as when Smith quotes a director of a football club saying, "You need to spot talent that whispers, not just talent that shouts."

Some of it comes from Smith's three years as England selector and his philosophy of selection. Smith, a former England player still in his forties, has written some of the more interesting books on sport; his references here are wide-ranging, from the philosopher Emerson to Daniel Kahnemann the behavioural economist.

"The point of selection," he says, "is to maximise the output of the whole, not just to promote, employ or select 'deserving' individuals." Does that solve the Rahul versus Gill problem? It may or may not, but it deals with the question in a practical way. That is the strength of the book – the questions are as important as the answers, especially when the answers are not written in stone; nothing to do with human judgement or instinct is.

There is data on every player today, and if that were all that mattered, any computer could pick a team; often selectors think that is sufficient, to act as the evangelists of that data. But of course data need interpretation, and that is where the selector comes in, and needs to come in. As Smith says, "The usefulness of data relies on the strength, not the weakness of the human dimension."

Selectors may be conservative ("If you always wait till you have sufficiently robust data, then the moment of the decision may well have passed. We often have to make do, operating with the double challenge of imperfect information and real-time pressure.") or radical, rushing in players too early. There are enough successes and failures in both systems.

Five months after making his first class debut for Karnataka, Anil Kumble was playing for India. He was 19, and there could not have been a whole deal of data on him. Yet he finished with over a thousand first class wickets, 619 of them in Tests. Selectors have to back their instincts too, and pick players as much on potential as on performance. And not shy away from what appears like an unconventional selection. This is a point Smith makes, pointing out from his experience that "The more conventional the team selection, the less England win."

When ideas don't succeed, they stick in everyone's memories. But when they succeed, they become self-evident. This is the selector's lot.

'Processes'

Selectors are fond of speaking about "processes", rather like captains are. "For every good process, you also need a good anti-process," says Smith, describing how a typical selection meeting went in his time. It was important to be disruptive (in ideas, that is), original and imaginative. "What decision would you make if you were the only decision-maker?" he liked to ask to provoke just such a response.

There is often a "bureaucratic inertia", leading selectors to take the beaten path, to play safe and begin with compromises in mind. Smith's is not a perfect system, and he makes no such claims. But it is an approach to selection that expands the possibilities if such inertia is recognised and eliminated. Smith's left-field choices (Jos Buttler, Adil Rashid, Sam Curran) weren't plucked out of thin air. How those selections came about is explained in the readable, knowledgeable, detailed style that is associated with Ed Smith's writing.

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